1/27 - Future Master Leaders
$1^{\text {st }}$ OA: Gail Zimmer \& Mark Mitchell (66\%, 0.42 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }} O A:$ Evelyn McCarthy \& Joan Diers (59\%, 0.29 MP)

## 1/23 - Fri NLM Leaders

$1^{\text {st }}$ OA: Joanne Oppelt \& Patt Olexsey Beverly Shores \& Judith Lubow
(53.5\%, 0.41 MP)

CBA Newcomer Games - Play Often!
Mon PM < 2000
Tue PM 149er
Wed AM 0-10/Homestyle
Fri AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture
Sat 10 AM Supervised Play - 1/31 Lorna Davis, Pat Hoffman and Bob Fisk will run the game!

## Area Tournaments

Louisville Sectional Feb 20-22
Indianapolis Regional Feb 23 - Mar 1

## NEW Partnership Calendar

Need more help finding partners at the CBC? Check out the New Sign-up Calendar near the door to the Cincinnati Bridge Center. If you're looking for a game on a specific date, post your name, contact info, number of masterpoints and system(s) played. You can also contact Joanne Earls (jolman@fuse.net, 513-772-4395) for help.

## Supervised Play with Kay Mulford

Feb 19, 26 and Mar 5
Kay is offering free supervised play and lessons on Thurs. 10-12 pm Feb. 19 for 3 weeks for students/players who have completed basic lessons.
There will be a duplicate game at the lesson's end.
SPACE IS LIMITED: For reservations please contact
Kay at 513 631-8070 or kmulford@cinci.rr.com

## Hand of the Week

This week we look at an interesting hand from Tuesday Night where responder's hand changes big time from partner's open to their rebid:

| Board 24 | @ Q 875 |  |
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| West Deals | - K 4 |  |
| None Vul | - A Q 104 |  |
|  | - K 42 |  |
| A AK963 N 」 |  |  |
| - AQ852 | W E | -10976 |
| - 7 |  | -9852 |
| -93 | S | - AQJ 8 |
|  | - 1042 |  |
|  | - J 3 |  |
|  | -KJ 63 |  |
|  | \& 10765 |  |

EW 5v; E 34; EW 2N; W 24; EW 2\&; EW 1*; Par-450

Bidding - West with 13 HCP and 5-5 in the majors opens the higher major or 14 (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). North has 14 HCP and spades well stopped. They are one point short of a 1 NT overcall (15-18 HCP) but with a nice diamond holding and some optimism the North at my table overcalled 1NT. East passes with only a singleton spade for partner and 8 HCP. South passes. West has a clear $2 \vee$ rebid showing their two suited hand. East has a heart fit and a hand worth at least 9 support points with 7 HCP in clubs and a singleton. If we feel the $\boldsymbol{J}$ is useful then our hand is worth 10 support points. With 9-10 points we need to raise to $3 \vee$ and give partner a chance to count their support points to reach game. West with 17 support points ( $13 \mathrm{HCP}, 2$ for the singleton, 1 for the doubleton, 1 for extra trump) will push on to a 4 game.

Play of the Hand - On a 2e lead from North, Declarer (West) takes the club finesse which holds, returns to their hand with a spade to their ace, finesses clubs again and then wins a third club pitching a diamond
loser from their hand. Now finesse for the $\vee J$ and $\vee K$ which loses to the $\vee K$ in North. When North tries to cash their $\star$ A West ruffs in hand. Now ruff a spade in dummy and play trump to finesse the $\vee J$ again. Luckily hearts break 2-2 and the jack falls. Now ruff another spades and return to your hand with a diamond ruff. You can know play your $\boldsymbol{\$} \mathrm{K}$ which drops the $\Phi \mathrm{Q}$ and makes your $5^{\text {th }}$ spade good. This line of play yields 12 tricks for +480 .

Post Mortem - Even when the opponents overcall 1NT your side may still have game. If you are the first for your side to know you have a trump fit strain to raise partner to allow them to count distributional points and possibly reach game. As this hand shows, 21 HCP plus some significant distribution will often make game for your side.

Post Post Mortem - Note in the open game just making 4a for 420 yields only an average masterpoint result for East-West. To get a top result on this board declarer needs to make an overtrick or two.

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| Contract By Made |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Scores Matchpoints |  |  |  |  |
|  | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |  |  |
| 1 NT | N | -1 |  | 50 | 4.00 | 0.00 |
| $2 \vee$ | W | 6 | 230 | 3.00 | 1.00 |  |
| $4 \vee$ | W | 4 | 420 | 2.00 | 2.00 |  |
| $4 \vee$ | W | 5 | 450 | 1.00 | 3.00 |  |
| $4 \vee$ | W | 6 | 480 | 0.00 | 4.00 |  |
| $2 \vee$ | W | 5 | 200 | 1.00 | 1.00 |  |
| $2 \vee$ | W | 5 | 200 | 1.00 | 1.00 |  |

