

Future Masters Newsletter



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2/17 - Future Master Leaders

2nd OB: **Salty Roark & Sharon Koster**

(43%, 0.22 MP)

Note: Earned in the Combined Open Game

2/13 - Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA N-S: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**

(70%!!!, 0.40 MP) WELL DONE!!!

1st OA E-W: Patt Olexsey & Joanne Oppelt

(59%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OA E-W: Janet Hansen & Tim Oppelt

(57%, 0.28 MP)

2nd OA N-S: Salty Roark & Sharon Koster

(50%, 0.28 MP)

1st OB E-W: Sara Brown & Judy Barron

(52%, 0.18 MP)

1st OB N-S: Patricia Burnam & Gail Zimmer

(42%, 0.12 MP)

CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7PM < 2000
Tue 7PM 149er
Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle
Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture
Sat 10AM Supervised Play – 2/21 Bob Fisk, Lorna
Davis, Tony Habash and Barb Levinson and many
more will run the game!

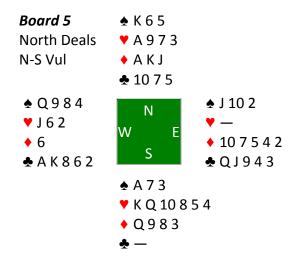
Area Tournaments

Indianapolis Regional Feb 23 - Mar 1
District 11 Spring STAC - March 2-8
Spring Nationals in New Orleans March 12-22



Hand of the Week

This Tues Night Hand shows us a 26 HCP Grand Slam:



NS 7♥; NS 4♦; E 4♣; NS 2N; W 3♣; Par +2210

Bidding - South with 15 balanced HCP opens 1NT (15-17 HCP, Balanced Hand). South has 11 HCP with 6 solid hearts and a club void. Immediately you can assume a heart fit since partner promises at least 2 hearts. Counting support points the South hand is worth at least 14 support points (11 HCP plus 3 for the void). In practice you will find this hand plays even better when you consider the six card trump suit. If partner has a maximum for their NT or does not have wasted values in your void (clubs) you will often make slam. They are many ways to investigate slam depends on partnership agreement. One way to investigate slam will be to transfer partner into hearts with a Jacoby Transfer (2*). After North bids 2♥ accepting the transfer South can bid 3♦ to show a second suit and strong game forcing/slam invitational hand. North with 4 hearts and great diamond values should rebid 3♥ to show slam interest and start a cue bidding sequence. 3♥ shows slam interest because we are already in a game forcing auction. If North had minimum values and heart support they could jump directly to 4♥ to show this hand (Fast Arrival). After a 4♣ cuebid by South and a 4♦ cuebid by North, South should be encouraged enough to ask for key cards in hearts bidding on to 6♥.



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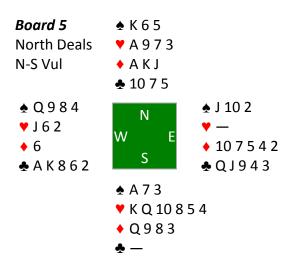
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Play of the Hand – On any lead declarer (North) can draw trump and run diamonds pitching a spade in their hand allowing them to ruff the third spade to win all 13 tricks for +1460.

Post Mortem – Distributional slams are possible when your HCP are in your long suits as in this deal. Doing some investigative bidding to explore where your HCP are through cue bidding can be a great way to know when you belong in slam or just game.



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Contract By Made			Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♥	N	7	1460		4.00	1.00
6 Y	N	7	1460		4.00	1.00
6 Y	N	7	1460		4.00	1.00
6 Y	Ν	6	1430		2.00	3.00
4 💙	S	7	710		1.00	4.00
5 ♣ ×	W	-1	100		0.00	5.00