

2/24 – Future Master Leaders

1st OC: **David Elliott & Carla Runda**

(52%, 0.36 MP)

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

(50%, 0.25 MP)

Note: Earned in the Combined Open Game



2/20 – Fri NLM Leaders

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

(65%, 0.40 MP)

1st OA E-W: **Sara Brown & Judy Barron**

(65%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OA E-W: **Salty Roark & Liz Lin**

(54%, 0.28 MP)

2nd OA N-S: **Susan Stacy Vanstone & Lisa Eisenstein**

(52%, 0.28 MP)

1st OB E-W: **Beth Wales & Leonard Kanterman**

(52%, 0.18 MP)

1st OB N-S: **Nancy Cameron & Pam Kennedy**

(47%, 0.18 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 – 2/28 Lorna Davis, Richard Pleshek and John Meinking will run the game!

Area Tournaments

[District 11 Spring STAC - March 2-8](#)

[Spring Nationals in New Orleans March 12-22](#)

What is a STAC?

STAC stands for Sectional Tournament at Club. This week long event gives players a chance to play for silver points at the clubs because your results are scored across several clubs in our district. Most 10am games (except Monday) and Tuesday 7pm will have a non-life master section if there are enough pairs. Entry is \$9 instead of \$7 but if you are looking for silver points this is the most cost effective way to earn them versus travelling to area tournaments.

Hand of the Week

This Tues Night hand features a slam and game in the same hand:

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ 10 7 6 5 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 4

♠ —

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K 8 7 6

♣ K 9 6 5 3



♠ 6

♥ A K Q 9 4

♦ Q J 10

♣ A J 10 2

♠ A J 10 8 7 5 4 3

♥ —

♦ 3 2

♣ Q 8 7

EW 7♥; E 7♦; E 7♣; W 6♦; W 6♣; NS 4♠; Par -800:
NS 7♠x-3

Bidding – At my table, partner (West) with 11 HCP but 5-5 in the minors, 2.5 quick tricks and two rebiddable suits opened 1♦ (12-21 HCP, 3+ cards). I have 17 HCP and at least 19 support points if I can find a trump fit with partner. My initial response is 1♥ (6+ HCP, 4+ hearts). South overcalled 1♠. Note I would have preemptively jumped to 3♣ with 8 trump (Vul versus NonVul) to take out bidding room for the opponents. After 1♠, partner can easily rebid 2♣ (12-17 HCP, at least 5-4 in the minors and 0-3 hearts). North raised partner to 2♠. What should I bid next? I know we have a club fit and roughly 32 support points minimum. A club slam seems very possible but I am not quite ready to give up on hearts. Whatever I do I must make a forcing bid if the bid is short of game. I chose to bid 3♠. This cuebid of the opponent's suit shows a game forcing hand and typically asks partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. Without spades stopped, partner could also show additional clubs by rebidding 4♣ or 3 hearts by bidding 4♥. South bid 4♠ and partner close to freely bid 5♣. I have little room left to explore slam but I am confident we have at least a 9 card club fit. I can

