## 2/24 - Future Master Leaders

$1^{\text {st }}$ OC: David Elliott \& Carla Runda
(52\%, 0.36 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{OC}$ : Salty Roark \& Sharon Koster
(50\%, 0.25 MP)
Note: Earned in the Combined Open Game

2/20 - Fri NLM Leaders
$1^{\text {st }}$ OA N-S: Charlie Kobida \& Mike Burns
(65\%, 0.40 MP)
$1^{\text {st }}$ OA E-W: Sara Brown \& Judy Barron
(65\%, 0.40 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ OA E-W: Salty Roark \& Liz Lin
(54\%, 0.28 MP)
$2{ }^{\text {nd }}$ OA N-S: Susan Stacy Vanstone \&Lisa Eisenstein
(52\%, 0.28 MP )
$1^{\text {st }}$ OB E-W: Beth Wales \& Leonard Kanterman
(52\%, 0.18 MP)
$1^{\text {st }}$ 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 | - KQ9 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| West Deals | -107652 |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}$ Vul | -954 |
|  | - 4 |
| $\stackrel{\text { - }}{\text { - }} 83$ | $N$ - 6 |
|  | W E PKQ94 |
| - AK 876 | W E QJ 10 |
| \& K 9653 | S * AJ 102 |
|  | - AJ 1087543 |
|  | $\vee$ - |
|  | - 32 |
|  | - Q 87 |

 NS 7ヵ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 ( $12-21 \mathrm{HCP}, 3+$ cards). I have 17 HCP and at least 19 support points if I can find a trump fit with partner. My initial response is $1 \vee$ ( $6+$ HCP, $4+$ hearts). South overcalled 14. Note I would have preemptively jumped to 3a with 8 trump (Vul versus NonVul) to take out bidding room for the opponents. After 14, partner can easily rebid 2* (1217 HCP, at least 5-4 in the minors and 0-3 hearts). North raised partner to 2 4 . 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 34. 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 or 3 hearts by bidding $4 \vee$. South bid $4 \uparrow$ 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
count 17 HCP in my hand plus 2 for the spade singleton and 1 more for the $9^{\text {th }}$ trump. With 20 support points opposite a good opener (13-15 support points) from partner I feel good about going to slam in 6\%.

Play of the Hand - On a spade lead declarer only needs to draw trump and then run hearts and diamonds. If you capture the you make 13 tricks for +940 , otherwise only 12 tricks for +920 .

Post Mortem - Preemptive bids make it tough on the opponents to reach their best contract. On this deal if South immediately jumps to 3s it will be much harder for E-W to find slam. Imagine you are East and the bidding goes 1D-P-1H-3S-P-4S to you. Not nearly as easy to find the right place to play now.

Post Mortem II - Note on this hand two North-South pairs played 4a doubled making for +790 . I am sure East-West thought with 28 HCP in defense they could set opponents at least 2 tricks for +500 which is better than a non-vulnerable game their way. Be very careful about doubling for penalty when you do not have trump strength or length. As this case shows, it can lead to disastrous results. Note even if E-W can set 4a it will not be as good as making slam their way.

| Board 12 | - KQ92 |
| :---: | :---: |
| West Deals | -107652 |
| N-S Vul | -954 |
|  | - 4 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { - }}$ - 83 | $N$ ¢ |
|  | W - AKQ94 |
| - AK876 | W E QJ10 |
| -K9653 | S AJ102 |
|  | \& AJ 1087543 |
|  | $\stackrel{-}{ }$ |
|  | - 32 |
|  | \&Q87 |

EW 7v; E 7*; E 7\&; W 6*; W 6\%; NS 4^; Par -800: NS 7@×-3

## Scores Matchpoints

| N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 790 |  | 4.50 | 0.50 |
| 790 |  | 4.50 | 0.50 |
| 100 |  | 3.00 | 2.00 |
|  | 850 | 1.50 | 3.50 |
|  | 850 | 1.50 | 3.50 |
|  | 920 | 0.00 | 5.00 |

