

3/17 – Future Master Leaders

1st OC: **Susan De Roos & Reeta Brendamour**

(48%, 0.28 MP)

2nd OC: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones**

(46%, 0.20 MP)



3/13 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA: **Joanne Oppelt & Patt Olexsey**

(73%, 1.98 MP)

2nd OA: **Mary Brown & Judy Eilers**

(62%, 1.49 MP)

1st OB: **Judith Lubow & Louise Wolf**

(54%, 1.63 MP)

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

(49.9%, 1.22 MP)

3rd OB: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**

(49.7%, 0.92 MP)

4th OB: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**

(49.4%, 0.69 MP)

1st OC: **Leonard Kanterman & Beth Wales**

(49%, 1.14 MP)

2nd OC: **Reeta Brendamour & Deborah Sontag**

(48.4%, 0.86 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 – 3/26 Lorna Davis, Bob Fisk, Richard Pleshek and Tony Habash will run the game.

Area Tournaments and Special Events

[CBA Awards Party – Wed April 8](#)

[New to Bridge \(N2B\) - Sat April 18](#)

Hand of the Week

This week features a Friday hand where getting to game is better than letting the opponents sacrifice:

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 7

♥ 10

♦ A Q 8 5 4 3 2

♣ A 10 7

♠ 8 6 4

♥ J 9 7 6 4 3 2

♦ —

♣ 8 5 4



♠ A Q 9 3 2

♥ —

♦ J 7 6

♣ K Q J 3 2

♠ K J 5

♥ A K Q 8 5

♦ K 10 9

♣ 9 6

N 6♦; NS 5N; S 5♦; E 3♠; W 2♠; EW 2♣; S 1♥;
Par +500: E 6♠x-3

Bidding – North has 10 HCP and 7 diamonds. With 2.5 quick tricks this hand is too strong to preempt with. Best to pass or open 1♦. Let's assume a pass for now. East with 13 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠ (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). South has 16 HCP, 5 hearts and spades well-stopped. Since the heart suit is so strong I favor bidding 2♥ here over 1NT. West has 4 support points for spades (1 HCP, 3 more for the void). They also know hearts are breaking very badly. While tempted to bid 2♠ or 3♠ (very weak, 4+ trump) non-vulnerable versus vulnerable, most will pass. North can freely bid 3♦ (5+ diamonds, 0-2 hearts, 10-11 HCP). If East passes, South will rebid 3NT showing their spade stoppers. If East rebids 4♣ instead, South can take partner to game with a 5♦ call as their hand is worth 17 points in support of diamonds.

If West responds a weak 3♠ – If you play after 1♠ – 2♥ a cue bid of 3♥ by West shows a limit raise in spades, you can play a direct 3♠ call as a weak hand (0-5 HCP) with 4-5 spades. West only has three spades but with a void and not vulnerable versus vulnerable opponents a few brave West players will bid 3♠ aggressively. On a 1♠ – 2♥ – 3♠ auction North has a very tough bid. While 4♦ could be right they

will be wishing they had opened 1♦ to start. Many North players will pass and West with a very distributional hand with solid clubs will raise to 4♣ effectively keeping N-S from getting to their game.

If North opens 1♦ - Since we would open 1♦ with 11 HCP, 2.5 quick tricks and a rebiddable suit, opening it with 10 HCP, 2.5 quick tricks and extra diamonds is understandable and likely a better choice than passing. East will overcall 1♠. South can respond 2♥ (10+ HCP, 5+ hearts). North can rebid 3♦ and South will rebid 3NT. If East competes at 4♣, South can cue bid 4♠ as a mild slam try in diamonds. North has at least 14 support points for diamonds (10 HCP, 2 for the singleton 1 for the doubleton, and at least one more for extra trump). Still South needs the right cards to make slam and it is safest to play in 5♦ or 4NT.

Play of the Hand – Playing 5♦ with a ♣K lead (K from KQ) from East, Declarer (North) has 4 losers (2♠, 2♣). We can pitch club losers on good hearts in dummy and we can finesse for the ♠A to set up their ♠K eliminate another loser. The best play is to win the ♣A, draw trump and run 3 hearts pitching clubs from the North hand. You can return to the North hand by trumping (ruffing) a heart and then take your spade finesse. This line of play yields 12 tricks or +620.

If you are playing 3NT or 4NT with the same ♣K lead, you have 11 winners (3♥, 7♦, 1♣) for +660.

Post Mortem – This hand can be bid a variety of ways and is why bridge is such a fascinating game. On this vulnerability, E-W can afford to go down 3 doubled versus letting N-S make a game. Conversely, N-S should insist on game (5♦ or 4NT) over doubling a 4♣ contract for the best result.

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♣ K Q J 3 2

♠ K J 5
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ 9 6

N 6♦; NS 5N; S 5♦; E 3♠; W 2♠; EW 2♣; S 1♥;
Par +500: E 6♠x-3

	Contract	By	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT	N	6	690	11.42	0.58	
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5 ♦	N	6	620	9.79	2.21	
5 ♦	N	5	600	8.71	3.29	
4 ♠x	E	-3	500	7.63	4.38	
4 ♠x	E	-2	300	5.46	6.54	
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4 ♦	N	5	150	3.29	8.71	
4 ♦	N	4	130	2.21	9.79	
4 ♠	W	-2	100	1.13	10.88	
3 ♠	E	3	140	0.04	11.96	
5 ♠	E	-4	200	4.75	0.25	
4 ♦	N	7	190	3.25	1.75	
4 ♠	E	-2	100	1.75	3.25	
4 ♦	N	-1	100	0.25	4.75	