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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)

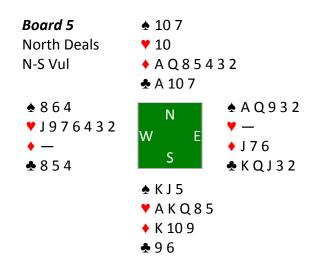
3/13 – Fri NLM Leaders

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



N 6♦; NS 5N; S 5♦; E 3♠; W 2♠; EW 2♣; S 1♥; Par +500: E 6♠×-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 $2 \bigstar$ or $3 \bigstar$ (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 direct 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 $3 \triangleq$ aggressively. On a $1 \triangleq -2 = 3 \triangleq$ auction North

has a very tough bid. While 4♦ could be right they

Hand of the Week





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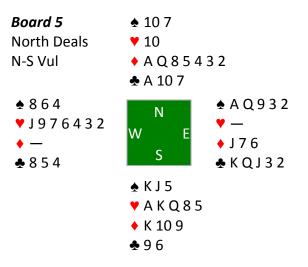
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will be wishing they had opened 1 to start. Many North players will pass and West with a very distributional hand with solid clubs will raise to 4 effectively keeping N-S from getting to their game. If North opens 1 - Since we would open 1 + with 11 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 response 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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Contract	By	Made	S	cores	Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT	Ν	6	690		11.42	0.58
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5 🔶	Ν	6	620		9.79	2.21
5 🔶	Ν	5	600		8.71	3.29
4 ♠×	Е	-3	500		7.63	4.38
4 ♠×	Е	-2	300		5.46	6.54
4 ♠×	Е	-2	300		5.46	6.54
4 ♠×	Е	-2	300		5.46	6.54
4 🔶	Ν	5	150		3.29	8.71
4 🔶	Ν	4	130		2.21	9.79
4 🛦	W	-2	100		1.13	10.88
3 🛦	Е	3		140	0.04	11.96
5 🛦	Е	-4	200		4.75	0.25
4 🔶	Ν	7	190		3.25	1.75
4 🛦	Е	-2	100		1.75	3.25
4 ♦	Ν	-1		100	0.25	4.75