5/5 - Future Master Leaders
$5^{\text {th }}$ OA: Richard Horvitz \& Karen Kalla (56\%, 0.90 MP)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ OB: Charlie Kobida \& Mike Burns (54\%, 0.68 MP)
$4^{\text {th }}$ OB: Lewis Temples \& James Hunkler (50\%, 0.51 MP)

5/1 - Fri NLM Leaders
$1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{OA} N / \mathrm{S}$ : Justine Solomon \& Alice Weston (61\%, 0.56 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ OA N/S: Charlie Kobida \& Mike Burns (56\%, 0.39 MP)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ OA N/S: Susan Stacy Vanstone \& Sharon Koster (53\%, 0.28 MP )
$1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{OB}$ N/S: James Meere \& Fran Hamilton (52\%, 0.24 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ OB N/S: Joanne \& Tim Oppelt
(48\%, 0.17 MP )
$1^{\text {st }}$ OA E/W: Annette Kereiakes \& Linda Pretz (63\%, 0.56 MP)
$2^{\text {nd }} O A E / W$ : Esther \& Ernie Zimmerman (53\%, 0.39 MP)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ OA E/W: Dixie White \& Sara Brown
( $50 \%, 0.28 \mathrm{MP}$ )
$2^{\text {nd }} O B E / W$ : Patricia Burnam \& Gail Zimmer (49\%, 0.17 MP)
$1^{\text {st }}$ OC E/W: Barbara Luker \& Sandra Fielman (45\%, 0.08 MP)

CBA Newcomer Games - Play Often!
Mon 7PM < 2000
Tue 7PM 149er
Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle
Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture
Sat Supervised Play - 9:30 Seminar on Ruffing in the Short Hand, Dummy Reversal by Bob Fisk

## CBA Mentoring Program

The CBC mentoring program matches up more experienced players (mentors) to help newer advancing players (mentees) to improve their Bridge
game over the summer. Opening night is Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. For more info or to sign up, go to the CBA website at:
http://www.cincybridge.com/CBAMentoringProgram.html

## Sat Supervised Play - Play of the Hand Series

This Saturday at 9:30 we continue the Play of the Hand Seminar Series with a talk on Suit Contracts Ruffing in the Short Hand, Dummy Reversal by Bob Fisk. You can view the entire series with materials on the CBA website at:
http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/Newcomers Bridge.html

## ACBL New Member Promo

For non ACBL folks that want to become members we are offering a special promotion of five free Sat morning plays and one free duplicate game play when you join the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). Dues for new members to the ACBL are \$29 and you can sign up before Sat Informal Supervised Play.

## Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday hand where a preemptive raise keeps the opponents from finding their best contract.

| Board 3 | ¢ Q 6532 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| South Deals | -10985 |  |
| E-W Vul | - 9 |  |
|  | \% 1082 |  |
| ¢ J 8 | N | $\wedge A$ |
| - 76 |  | -AQJ42 |
| -1065432 | W E | - K J J |
| \& A Q 7 | S | cJ943 |
|  | \& K 10974 |  |
|  | - K 3 |  |
|  | - A 87 |  |
|  | - K 65 |  |

EW 54; EW 3v; EW 4~; EW 2N; NS 24; Par -500: NS 5@×-3

Bidding - South with 13 HCP and 5 spades opens 1s (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). North has only 2 HCP but has 5 spades for partner. With a very weak hand and 10+ trumps between the two hands, an immediate raise to ( $0-6 \mathrm{HCP}, 5$ trump) is the correct bid. If partner has the right holding, 4a can make. If not, we still do well if we keep the opponents from finding their contract. After 4a East has a very tough bid. They can chance $5 \vee$, double for penalty or pass. Chances they find their best contract at $5 *$ is slim.

Play of the Hand - Against 4a in the South expect a $\checkmark 4$ lead (fourth best) by East. Declarer has 8 losers $(1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{2}, 2 \downarrow, 3 \boldsymbol{*})$. If you take a finesse in hearts, you can promote your YK to eliminate a loser. You can ruff your diamond losers in dummy. If opponents do not switch to clubs, after trumps are drawn and your diamonds ruffed, lead a low club from dummy to your hand. If East plays low, you can put in the 2 and force West to win the 27. With only diamonds and clubs left in their hand, West has to lead you a club to promote your $\$ \mathrm{~K}$ or a diamond for a ruff/sluff to eliminate one club loser. This line of play will result in 4a down 1 or 2 for -50 or -100.

Post Mortem - When partner opens and you have a very weak hand but lots of extra trump, do not be afraid to preemptively jump to the 3,4 or even 5 level. When you find partner with extras or just the right distribution, you will make your bid. If not going down is often still better than letting the opponents find their best contract as is demonstrated on this deal.


EW 5*; EW 3v; EW 4e; EW 2N; NS 2^; Par -500: NS 5ヘx-3

| Contract |  |  | Score Matchpoints |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  | N-S |  |  | E-W |  |
| N-S | E-W |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | E | -2 | 200 |  | 5.00 |  |
| 4 | S | -1 | 50 | 4.00 | 1.00 |  |
| 4 | S | -2 | 100 | 3.00 | 2.00 |  |
| 3 | E | 3 | 140 | 1.50 | 3.50 |  |
| 3 | E | 3 | 140 | 1.50 | 3.50 |  |
| 4 | W | 5 | 150 | 0.00 | 5.00 |  |

