

## 6/9 – Future Master Leaders (6.5 Tables)



1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Terry Raulin & Bob Rosenberger**

(57.4%, 1.5 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Patricia Ruge & Beth Wales**

(56.9%, 1.13 MP)

3<sup>rd</sup> OA: **Tim & Joanne Oppelt**

(56.5%, 0.84 MP)

4<sup>th</sup> OA: **David Elliott & Carla Runda**

(55.6%, 0.67 MP)

## Upcoming Tournaments

### DAYTON NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

June 13 & 14, 2015 [Tournament Flyer](#)

### CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM NLM

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat 9:30 AM Lecture/Supervised Play

## Tuesday Night NLM Section Underway !!!

We had 6.5 tables directed by Ms. Iris Libby. It was great to see strong interest on the first night. Now let's get more of our friends to join us! Tom Mess ([tmess7023@gmail.com](mailto:tmess7023@gmail.com)) and Lou Temples ([lew@powderalloy.com](mailto:lew@powderalloy.com)) will be guiding and promoting this game. Contact them with any questions.

## 10:30 Friday 2/1 Game Force Series

Phyllis Bishop's 10:30 2/1 seminar series continues:

June 12: 2/1 Part IV Responder's Second Bid

June 19: Review 2/1 with Quiz

June 26: Jacoby 2NT

July 3: New Minor Forcing

July 10: 4th Suit Forcing

Please come a little early as the seminar will start promptly at 10:30!!!

## Sat Sup Play Seminars – Play of the Hand Series

Seminars start promptly at 9:30:

June 13: Developing our Suits Before Opponents Establish Theirs

June 20: NT Contract Play - When to take Stoppers

Click to see the [Newcomers Bridge Series](#)

## Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday evening hand that demonstrates the value of distribution in a trump contract:

Tuesday Evening

**Board 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6

♥ Q 9 3

♦ A Q 9 8 3 2

♣ Q

♠ K J 9 4 2

♥ 2

♦ K J 4

♣ 10 8 5 3



♠ A Q 8 5 3

♥ A 8 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 7 4

♠ —

♥ K J 10 6 5

♦ 10 7 6

♣ K J 9 6 2

W	N	E	S
P	2♦	2♠	3♥
4♠	??	P	??

**Bidding** – Most all Wests will pass (the adventurous might try 2♠ (weak) if your style allows that. North will open a Weak 2♦ and East will overcall 1♠. With a 5-4 holding in the majors it is often better to bid the 5-card suit first, intending to find the 4-4- fit next. Double with this shape only when the 5-card suit is very weak. South can manage a raise in ♦ so there is no harm in offering ♥ along the way. Besides, a ♥ bid can direct the defence. West will raise smartly to 4♠ knowing EW have a 9-card fit, and useful shortness in ♥. The bidding is not over. Both North and South have decisions to make. North should pass – unsure whether partner's 3♥ call included ♦ support. South must consider a 5♦ sacrifice. This is very tempting with the ♠ void – I admit I would bid 5♦ as South now. Let's assume South passes. What should South lead?

South wishes they had 2 or more trumps because a trump lead could cut down declarer's ruffs here. Leading partner's ♦ suit seems best. From ♦ 1076 lead the 6 - partner will know you do not have a doubleton.

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                   ♣ Q

♠ K J 9 4 2		♠ A Q 8 5 3
♥ 2		♥ A 8 7 4
♦ K J 4		♦ 5
♣ 10 8 5 3		♣ A 7 4

♠ —  
 ♥ K J 10 6 5  
 ♦ 10 7 6  
 ♣ K J 9 6 2

**Play of the Hand** – South leads the ♦6 against 4♠. Declarer can count 5♠, 1♦, and 1♣ winners. There are 1♦ loser and 2♣ losers. In order to score 10 tricks East must ruff 3♥ in dummy and 2♦ in hand. If trumps break 3-0, then declarer cannot afford to draw them all – first priority is to get those ♥ ruffs done. North wins the ♦ Q and returns a ♠ (yes, quite irritating). Play the ♥A and ruff a ♥. A 2<sup>nd</sup> ♦ ruff to hand allows another ♥ ruff. Remember South bid ♥s. This means they might have 5 or 6 cards in that suit, leaving 2 or 3 for North. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ♦ ruff clears the losers in that suit, and the final ♥ ruff is done with a HIGH trump. You can now draw trumps and take your ♣A – your 10<sup>th</sup> and game-going trick.

**If instead NS play 5♦X**, East will likely lead a ♠. South will ruff and lead a small ♠ to prepare for the cross ruff. When East wins the ♣A, a ♦ return is necessary – if not, South will ruff away the 2 remaining ♠ losers. Leading the ♥A hoping partner will ruff has plays. A thinking East will reason South bid ♥ (give them 5) I hold 4 (9 so far) and Dummy has 3 (that's 12♥ cards accounted for!!) – so partner has only 1♥ card!! (Pays to count when defending). The ♥A and a ♥ ruff by West will likely lead to a ♣ or ♠ continuation. Neither presents South with a problem. If an enterprising West continues with a ♦, win in dummy and ruff a ♠

♠ KJ94		♠ AQ85
♥ KJ		♥ 87
♦ 1085		♦ 5
♣ 1085		♣ 74

♠ —  
 ♥ KJ10  
 ♦ 107  
 ♣ KJ96

back to hand so you can pitch the remaining ♠ loser on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of ♣s leaving this position: Lead the ♣ J and pitch the ♥Q. Now a ♣ lead to dummy allows us to ruff and draw the remaining trump. In all NS lost the ♣A, ♥A, and a ♥ ruff. If instead West

continues with a ♠ ruff it, and pitch the remaining ♠ loser on a good ♣). If they continue with a ♣, win cheaply in hand pitching ♠s from dummy. Once ♠s are gone go after trumps. Our ♥s are set up.

**Post Mortem** – Distribution matters in trump contracts. EW can make game in ♠ on a 10-card fit and 22 HCP because they have complementary singletons eliminating losers in side suits. NS can make a profitable sacrifice because they have a 9-card fit, and a void in the short trump hand. With East overcalling, South should expect their ♣ and ♥ values are well placed. Bidding 5♦ takes courage – are you up to the task? Notice that if the opponents do not bid past 3♠ on this hand, NS should NOT push them into game.

Competitive decisions are often as thin as a razor's edge.

EW 4♠; NS 3♥; NS 3♦; EW 1N; Par -300: NS 5♦x-2; NS 5♥x-2

Contract	Score Matchpoints			
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5♦x N -1		100	1.50	0.50
5♦x N -1		100	1.50	0.50
5♠ E 5		450	0.00	2.00
4♠ E -1	50		4.75	0.25
3♠ W 3		140	3.25	1.75
5♦x N -1		100	1.50	0.50
4♠ W 4		420	1.00	4.00
4♠ E 4		420	1.00	4.00
4♠ E 5		450	0.00	2.00