

# Future Masters Newsletter



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#### **Future Master Leaders**

## 6/19 - NLM Game

1<sup>st</sup> OA: Jerry Raulin & Jim Tewel

(65.4%, 1.12 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: Reeta Brendamour & Gail Zimmer

(59.8%, 0.78 MP)

3<sup>rd</sup> OA: Robert Roark & Sharon Koster

(56.36%, 0.56 MP)

4<sup>th</sup> OA: Pam Campbell & Stacy Vanstone

(53.5%, 0.39 MP)

#### 6/23 – NLM NAP Qualifier Game (8 Tables)

1<sup>st</sup> NS: Joanne & Tim Oppelt

(58.4%, 0.72 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> NS: Patrick Lammers & Alex Grimm

(57.8%, 0.50 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> EW: Richard Koch & Penny Wilkinson

(55.4%, 0.72 MP)

2nd EW: Doug Reams & Joe Nurre

(55.1%, 0.50 MP)

**Be sure to check for North American Pair Qualifier Games. Extra red/Black Points.** For more about the

North American Pairs (NAP) go to:

http://www.district11bridge.com/District 11 NAP FAQ.html

#### **Upcoming Events**

June 22-28 Sectional Indianapolis IN

June 26-28 Sectional Columbus OH

July 6-12 STaC District 11

July 25-26 NLM Sectional Lexington KY

July 31 – Aug 2 Summer Getaway Sectional Hebron KY

#### **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 !!!

Let's get more of our friends to join us! Contact Tom Mess (tmess7023@gmail.com) and Lou Temples (lew@powderalloy.com) with any questions. Don't forget Let's Talk Bridge! at 6:30 PM.

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

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

June 26: Jacoby 2NT

July 3: New Minor Forcing
July 10: 4th Suit Forcing

Please come early as the seminar will start promptly

at 10:30!!!

Don't forget the **Saturday Supervised play** starts at 10 AM with a talk beginning at 9:30 AM. Come early and enjoy!

Click to see the **Newcomers Bridge Series** 

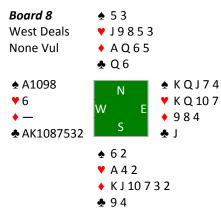
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PCs only - Not for Apple computers).

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Beyond: <a href="http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe">http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe</a>

### Hands of the Week Steve Moese

Two Monday Evening slam hands with bidding challenges!



Here West and East need to see the tricks and not just the HCP to reach an excellent slam in \* or ♠. Matchpoints favors Majors over minors.



West has to control themselves when partner responds 1♠. What's the best way to show partner the West hand? West can consider a direct ♠ raise. Thinking support points, West

is worth 11 HCP + 2 (Singleton) + 4 (Void) or about 17 SPs. West can jump to  $3 \triangleq$  and East will gladly accept. If East bids only  $4 \triangleq$ , they will play there. East has a GF hand (11 HCP + 2 SP = 13 SP). When partner



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shows 15-17 opposite your 13 SPs, one move toward slam might be worthwhile. East could consider bidding 4♥, showing a ♥ control (below game) and suggesting slam. West will be interested and a key card auction will get them to 6♠. Note that treating West's hand as only 17 SPs grossly underestimates it's trick taking potential (4 losers).

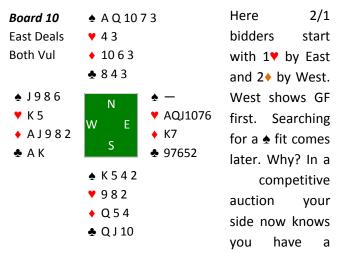
The shown auction uses a 4♦ splinter bid — a double jump to a new suit shows a singleton or void in ♦, and 4 trumps in support of partner. When East makes a ♥ control bid, West launches RKCB and lands in the major slam.

The third way to reach the ♠ slam is to use the "Convention with no name". This is an old proven use of an otherwise useless bidding sequence:

1♣ - 1♠ - 4♣ shows GF support with 4 trumps and a good ♣ suit (at least 6 cards). Opener implies 3 losers in the unbid suits (♥ & ♦). Here the West hand is too good for that bid. (only 1 red suit loser), and West is more interested in knowing if East has the ♥A. I think the splinter bid gets the hand across to partner very well. What do you think?

Note 6♣ is an inferior slam. A 3-1 ♣ split (50%) will likely sink your contract (♥A and ♣ loser). When you have two 9-card fits, make the 5-4 fit trumps. Use the 8-1 fit to establish long suit tricks.

#### Hand 2:



game. If East responds 1♠ and North preempts, EW will not have communicated their combined strength and bidding become much more difficult. If the

bidding does go 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 3♦, this auction is forcing, but West has misrepresented the suit lengths. If instead West chooses to represent a 16 HCP balanced hand, the auction will likely end in 3NT or 4♥. Here's sound 2/1 auction:

Ε	S	W	N
1♥	Р	2.	Р
2♥	Р	2♠	Р
3♣	Р	3♥	Р
4•	Р	4N	Р
5♣	Р	<b>5\(\phi\)</b>	Р
6♥	AP		

2♥ shows 6-cards. 2♠ shows 4 cards. 3♠ shows a 2<sup>nd</sup> suit. 3♥ confirms a fit with 2-card support (with 3, West raises 2♥ to 3). 4♦ shows the ♦K and 4N is RKCB. 5♠ shows 1 Key. 5♦ asks the ♥Q. Yes! was the answer.

Note: East showed 6♥ Cards, 4+♣ cards, and ♦ values, leaving room for at most 1 ♠ card (here a void). With 2 small ♠s, opener will not bid 4♦.

The Play – As the cards lie, setting up ◆ works. Declarer needs 2♣ discards (we can afford 1♣ loser). A better approach is to test ♣ first. Play ♣AK. When both follow you are cold for 6♥. Back to hand with the ◆K and ruff the 3<sup>rd</sup> ♣ with the ♥K. When they break 3-3, draw trumps and claim 13 tricks! You combine your chances so beautifully.

Last week we discussed slam on 20 HCP. Recall

North: ♠Q7 ♥Q1076542 ♦ - ♣10987 South: ♠AK6542 ♥AK ♦Q862 ♣6

This slam makes only because both ♠ and ♥ split evenly. On a ♠ lead and continuation, our chance of success is only 36%. A 36% slam is not worth bidding. However if North has the ♥J instead of the ♥10, our chance of success is 61%. What a difference one pip makes!

The low risk idea is to play game in preemptor's major – here ♥. Why? North's ♥s will be winners in a ♥ contract but not necessarily in a ♠ contract!

Questions? E-mail me at <a href="moesefamily@aol.com">moesefamily@aol.com</a> or join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM for a "Let's Talk Bridge" discussion.

Mike Purcell will return to the Future Master Newsletter in July. Meanwhile Steve Moese will continue filling in for him.