

Future Masters Newsletter



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Future Master Leaders

7/3 - NLM NAPQ Game

1st OA: Patrick Lammers & Janet Hansen

(65.0%, 1.69 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

2nd OA: Kateherine Meyer & P Wintzinger

(58.8%, 1.27 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

3rd OA: Reeta Brendamour & Annette Keriakes

(57.1%, 1.28 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

4th OA: Sara Brown & Judy Barron (55.8%, 1.05 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

7/7 – NLM STaC Game (9 Tables)

1st NS: Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns

(55.3%, 0.80 **SILVER** MP)

2nd NS: David Elliot & Carla Runda

(55.4%, 0.56 **SILVER** MP)

1st EW: Alex Grimm & Patrick Lammers

(69.2%, 0.80 **SILVER** MP)

2nd EW: Evelyn McCarthy & Partner

(52.5%, 0.56 **SILVER** 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

July 6-12 STaC District 11

July 25-26 NLM Sectional Lexington KY

July 31 – Aug 2 Summer Getaway Sectional Hebron KY

NO Saturday Supervised Play July 11 (STaC) & August 1 (NKy Sectional). Saturday Supervised Play resumes July 18.

Link to Volunteers & Topics:

http://www.cincybridge.com/Saturday-Supervised-Play-Schedule.html

Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC):

SILVER points at the CBC! Remaining games:

СВС	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12
10:00A	NLM	NLM	NLM	Swiss
2:30P	0	0	0	Teams
7:00P	0			

NLM=NLM & Open. O=Open Only. NLM attendance permitting Swiss Teams are Stratified – Form a Team and play to win your strata! NLMs are welcome on Sunday!

CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7 PM < 2500 Tue 7 PM NLM Wed 11 AM NLM/Homestyle Fri 11 AM 0-20/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: July 10: 4th Suit Forcing

Learn to Play Bridge Software (Free)

PCs only - Not for Apple computers).

Basics: http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb1setup.exe Beyond: http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe

Click to see the Newcomers Bridge Series

Hand of the Week Steve Moese

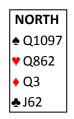
Winning the Battle of the Partials

Any idea how often we play slams, games or partials? Larry Cohen published an analysis of 1 Million bridge hands. As you can see we play fewer partials than games! Winning the contest for partials is an

3NT	18.1%
4 ♥ /♠	24.9
5-level	8.6
Small	5.7
Grand	0.5
SubTot	57.8%
Partials	42.2%

important element in all forms of scoring.

You are North - East Deals and EW are Vulnerable. Your hand:



Bidding - Partner's initial pass limits them to 11-12 West's 1st HCP. pass suggests playing 1.X. Why

does North bid 1♠

Ν	Ε	S	W
	Р	Р	1♣
Р	Р	Dbl	Р
1♠!	Р	Р	2 💠
2♥	Р	2♠	AP

instead of 1♥? Don't we bid up the line with both 4card majors? Look what happened here – West rebid 2♣. If we'd bid 1♥ first, we'd have to bid 2♠ to show



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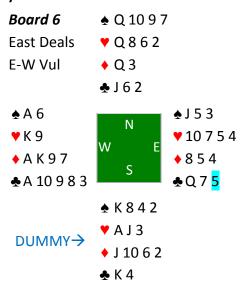
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our second suit. Bidding 1♠ with about 6-7 HCP gets both major suits in and keeps the auction at the 2-Level. If North were a little stronger (add the ♣Q for example), then a 2♣ cue bid would be best! GAME FORCING you think? Not at all. A cue bid here is forcing until a fit is found, and implies interest in both majors. With A GF hand (12 + SPs) advancer will keep bidding – you will know the difference!

BTW, North knows partner has support for the 3 unbid suits. How? With a balanced shape unsuitable for a balancing double, partner would bid 1NT. This is not a 15-18 hand with sound stoppers in their suit. A Balancing NT is 11-14 HCP and a shape unsuitable for take-out. A balancing 1NT doesn't promise a stopper! It simply shows a desire to compete. Since partner doubled, we know they hold no more than 2 cards.

The Play -



The **Opening Lead**: ♣5. Since people don't usually underlead Aces, playing small from dummy has much to recommend it. Declarer called for the ♣K (an error) and West won the ♣A. The ◆K drew the ◆8 from East (upside down signals, showing low interest in a ◆ continuation). The ◆A caught the ◆Q from North and the ◆4 from East (even remaining number of cards). East won the small ♣ and promptly returned the 3rd ◆. Dummy won the ◆10, pitching a ♥. A small ♠ toward North (always lead through the person you think has the Ace) pulled the ♠A from

West. A → return put North to the guess. If West has the ♠J, ruffing with the ♠10 is sufficient. If East has the ♠J, then North must ruff with the ♠K and finesse the ♠J. North chose to play West (the bidder) with the ♠J and was over-ruffed by East. North could drew trumps, but there was the finesse for the ♥K. Even if the finesse worked, it would require a doubleton ♥K for North to escape with no ♥ losers. West won the ♥K for down 2 and -100.

Post Mortem

Many would open South's hand 1♦. West would have a maximum 1N overcall of that bid. Now North is stuck — with no safe way to explore a Major suit partial. Strange how South's actions set EW up for their best or worst result.

North made 2 bad guesses out of 2 tries. Playing low on the opening lead should have been automatic. It cost NS an extra undertrick.

EW 2N; 2♦; 2♣; NS 2♠; 1♥; Par -100: NS 3♠×-1

Contract			Score		MPs	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♠	S	2	110		5	0
3♠	S	-2		100	3.5	1.5
2♠	N	-2		100	3.5	1.5
1 NT	W	2		120	2	3
1 NT	W	3		150	0.5	4.5
1 NT	W	3		150	0.5	4.5
2 🏖	W	-1	100		5	0
2♠	S	-1		50	3.5	1.5
2♠	S	-1		50	3.5	1.5
2 🏖	W	2		90	2	3
3 ♥	N	-3		150	1	4
2 NT×	S	-4		800	0	5

-100 was worth 3.5 out of 5 MPs in the open game and only 2 of 5 in the NLM game. -50 would have been worth only 0.5 MP more in the open game but 1 more in NLM game. North's bidding 1♠ not 1♥ allowed NS to stop at the 2level. West's decision not to rebid 1NT allowed NS to compete to a

better spot. Bid 'em if you got 'em!

NS benefitted by keeping EW out of their NT contract. Hmmm – there's a lesson here.

Mike Purcell will return to the Future Master Newsletter next week.