

Future Masters Newsletter



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August 13, 2015

8/4 - Tues 7pm NLM Game

1st OA: Alex Grimm & Patrick Lammers

(72%, 1.04 MP)

2nd OA: Judith Lucas & Judy Barron

(58%, 0.73 MP)

3rd OA: Elva Jung & Joan Mehl

(56%, 0.52 MP)

4th OA: Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns

(55%, 0.40 MP)

5th OA: **Bob & Pam Campbell**

(54%, 0.21 MP)

3rd OB: Richard Koch & Mark Mitchell

(54%, 0.36 MP)

4th OB: Doug Reams & Joe Nurre

(52%, 0.25 MP)

Upcoming Tournaments

Chicago Nationals - August 6-16
http://www.acbl.org/tournaments page/nabcs/upco
ming-nabcs/chicago-summer-2015-nabc-august-6-16/

Link to Sat Volunteers & Topics:

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

CBA Future Master Games

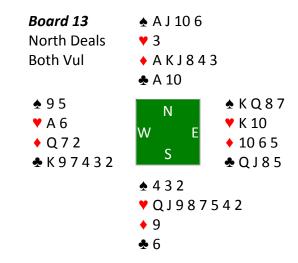
Mon 7PM < 2000 Tue 7PM NLM Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture Sat 10AM Supervised Play

CBA Board of Elections Nominations

At our October Sectional we will be electing at least three members to the CBA Board. We need folks to represent newer players. If you have an interest in running for the CBA Board you can contact Joe Muenks at imuenks@cinci.rr.com or 513 469 6466. If you have general questions about the board, you can email me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com.

Hand of the Week

This week features a hand from Friday where a long heart suit is worth more than just a few HCP:



NS 5♥; NS 2♠; NS 2♠; W 2♣; E 1♣; Par +650

Bidding – North with 17 HCP, 6 diamonds and four spades will open 1♦ (12-21 HCP, 3+ diamonds). South has only 3 HCP but 8 hearts to the QJ. This is not your typical bridge lesson hand. What should you do? Well South does have their own 8 card major suit fit so if we count distribution we have at least 7 support points in hearts. Many people will be tempted to bid 2♥ (6 hearts, preemptive). With this many hearts this is actually an underbid. You could jump directly to 4♥ (8+ hearts, preemptive) or you could bid 1♥ (6+ points, 4+ hearts) and look to keep bidding hearts at every opportunity. North with only 1 heart but a big hand can reverse with a 2♠ call (16+ points, at least 5 diamonds and 4 spades). Especially when North shows extra values and spade strength, South with three little spades now covered should feel good about going to 4♥. Game makes sense as partner only needs to provide 4 tricks for you to make game in many cases assuming you can take 6 trump tricks.



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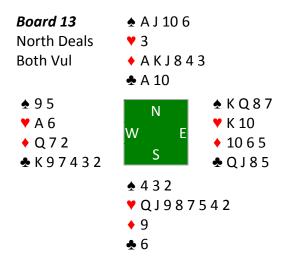
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Play of the Hand – On a ♣4 lead from West (fourth best), Declarer (South) has 4 losers (2♠, 2♥), maybe 5 if hearts break poorly. The best play is to immediately draw trump. If the defense does not find a spade switch, you can afford take a diamond finesse which works to make 5♥ for +650. Otherwise it is best to settle for making 4♥ versus going down if the finesse fails.

Post Mortem – Long trump suits are worth far more than their HCP would indicate. Do not be afraid to be aggressive when you have a long suit like hearts on this deal. Many times you will win either by making your contract or keeping the opponents from doing better playing in their suit.



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Contract			Score Matchpoints			
			N-S	E- W	N-S	E-W
4 ♥	S	5	650		12.00	0.00
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4 ♥	S	4	620		7.50	4.50
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4 ♥	S	4	620		7.50	4.50
4 ♥	S	4	620		7.50	4.50
3 ♥	S	5	200		3.00	9.00
3 ♥	S	4	170		2.00	10.00
4 ♠	N	-3		300	1.00	11.00
6 NT	N	-4		400	0.00	12.00
4 🔻	S	4	620		5.00	0.00
3 ♠	N	3	140		4.00	1.00
4 •	N	-1		100	2.50	2.50
4 ♠	N	-1		100	2.50	2.50
3 NT	N	-2		200	1.00	4.00
6 NT	N	-7		700	0.00	5.00