

1/12 – Tues 7pm NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**

(62%, 0.56 MP)



2nd OA N/S: **Patricia Burnam & Leonard Kanterman**

(61%, 0.39 MP)

3rd OA N/S: **Patt & Bob Olexsey**

(52%, 0.28 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Patrick Lammers & Alex Grimm**

(60%, 0.56 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Liz Lin & Lewis Temples**

(53%, 0.39 MP)

3rd OA E/W: **Reeta Brendamour & Annette Kereiakes**

(50%, 0.28 MP)

1/8 – Fri 11am NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**

(57%, 1.17 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**

(56%, 0.88 MP)



1st OB N/S: **Patt Olexsey & Joanne Oppelt**

(51%, 0.82 MP)

2nd OB N/S: **Gail Zimmer & Patrick Lammers**

(50%, 0.62 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Mary Brown & Judy Eilers**

(54%, 0.66 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**

(53%, 0.49 MP)

1st OB E/W: **Barry Wauligman & Bob Molleran**

(50%, 0.46 MP)

1st OC E/W: **Beth Wales & Dixie White**

(49%, 0.31 MP)

1/8 – Fri 11am 0-20 Game

1st OA: **James Barrett & Clare Hoesl**

(60%, 0.42 MP)

2nd OA: **Robert Campbell & Judy Armstrong**

(58%, 0.34 MP)

3rd OA: **Ann Rinaldi & Barret**

(57%, 0.21 MP)

1st OC: **Veida Wasserman & Pam Heckel**

(57%, 0.31 MP)

2nd OB: **Pamela Middendorff & Karen Husky**

(51%, 0.22 MP)



NO Sat Supervised Play Jan 30

Due to the Grand National Teams event we will not meet Saturday Jan 30.

Grand National Teams – Jan 30 & 31

There will be a Non-Life Master Grand National Team Competition Jan 30 and 31 at the CBC. You do not need to prequalify for this event and anyone can enter. You need at least a 4 person team but you can have up to 6 people. There are usually 6-8 teams in this competition with a Sat Swiss to determine the top four teams to play on Sunday. Overall winners get Gold Points and a cash stipend to represent District 11 in the Summer NABC in Washington DC.

If you are a member of Unit 124 and want to play in the Grand National teams but need another pair, contact AJ Stephani aistephani@gmail.com or 513-313-0488.

For more info about the GNT go to:

<http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2016/01/1601131.pdf>

Upcoming Tournaments

Lexington Sectional – Jan 22-24

<http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=14988>

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

Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday night deal where West almost has slam in hand!:

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 2

♥ J 6 5 3

♦ 9 8 7 6 3

♣ 10

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♥ AKQ10987

♦ —

♣ A K Q 3 2



♠ A Q J 10 7 6 4

♥ —

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♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ K 3

♥ 4 2

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EW 7♣; EW 6♥; EW 5♠; NS 3♦; EW 1N;
Par -800: NS 7♦x-4

Bidding – This is one of those special deals that is not covered by standard bidding and can go a variety of ways. It is hands like these that make bridge so interesting and why we play this game. I am honestly not sure the best way to bid this deal but I will start with what happened at my table. I am East on this deal. In the opening seat I hold 8 HCP and 7 spades with a heart void. Some people feel this hand with a void is too good to bid as a preemptive hand. Others presume opponents have a big heart fit and open 3♠ or 4♠. I have bid it either way in the past but decided this time pass was best. Little did I know what would happen later. South with 13 HCP and 6 diamonds opens 1♦ (12-21 HCP, 3+ diamonds).

West has 18 HCP with 7 hearts and 5 clubs. I hope you recognize this hand plays much bigger than 18 HCP. If you can find partner with 2 or 3 hearts to rough out losing clubs or a club fit with partner so you can run your hearts as a side suit you can easily make small slam even if partner has **ZERO HCP!** This is a very special hand indeed but how do you bid over the 1♦ opener to make partner tell you their hand even if they have zero HCP? That is not so easy. My partner decided to make a simple overcall at 1♥ and then bid clubs later as needed. A simple overcall is normally 8-16 HCP and not forcing but in this case partner felt an auction with this much distribution is

never ending at 1♥ and he was right. North with 1 HCP bid 3♦. Here the 3♦ call shows a weak hand with 5+ diamonds. Back to me (East) again. I am not happy about bidding at the 3 level but with 7 good spades and knowing we have at least as many HCP as the opponents I make the 3♠ call. Partner knows I am passed hand so cannot get too excited. Partner (West) has only 1 spade but is thinking I must have values either in clubs or spades or both. To make sure we reached slam he rebid 6♣ surprising everyone at the table. Ultimately I read this a pick a slam in either hearts or clubs and with my hand I have an easy pass. In our post mortem we decided West could rebid 4♣ which would be natural and forcing. East can then raise to 5♣. West can cue bid their diamond void (5♦) and East their ♠A (5♠) to help West reach a 7♣ grand slam.

If East opens 3♠ – South will be tempted bid 4♦.

West will have a hard time showing both suits and will likely assume hearts. If they ask for key cards they will find one and can safely bid 6♥. Some West will presume East has the ♠A at least 1 heart and will try for 7♥.

Other thoughts – If you play unusual 2NT (lowest two unbid suits, either less than or more than an opening hand) a 2NT call over 1♦ is worth considering. West can also double and then cuebid the opponent's suit (diamonds) to show a huge hand but this is not ideal as N-S can preempt up to 5♦ or 6♦ before West can show their suits.

Play of the Hand – On any lead against 7♣ declarer (West) can draw three rounds of trump and then ruff one heart in dummy to set up the heart suit making all 13 tricks for +1440.

Post Mortem – Sometimes in bridge you get hands that do not fit standard bidding. When this happens try to make bids that help you reach the right level without confusing partner too much. On this deal it was critical for West to recognize the potential for slam and make sure the bidding did not stop until slam is reached.

Post Mortem II – North-South with a huge diamond fit have an opportunity to disrupt the auction for E-W. Even better they can bid 7♦ to sacrifice. This contract doubled goes down 4 for -800, much better than letting E-W have a small or grand slam.

Post Mortem III – Note in matchpoint scoring 6♥ making 6 scores better than 6♣ making 7.

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Contract			Score Matchpoints			
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
7♥	W	-1	50		2.00	0.00
6♣	W	7		940	1.00	1.00
6♥x	W	6		1210	0.00	2.00
6♥	W	-1	50		4.90	0.10
5♥	W	5		450	3.70	1.30
5♥	W	6		480	1.90	3.10
4♥	W	6		480	1.90	3.10
6♥	W	6		980	0.10	4.90