

3/2 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

1st OA: **Annette Kereiakes & Kathy Tyler**



3/5 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Andy Heldman & Gail Zimmer** (66.9%)

2nd OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisner** (60.6%)

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Sat	Mar 9	No	Indianapolis Regional Seminar

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Hold These DATES at the CBA:

Tues Eve April 2 – 2013 Awards Party and Game

Saturday April 6 – Learn Bridge in a Day! Is back!!!

The Art of the Sacrifice by Steve Moese

Board 11 ♠ A10543
 South Deals ♥ 73
 None Vul ♦ A8753
 ♣ 3

♠ Q ♠ 98
 ♥ J52 ♥ AK9864
 ♦ K104 ♦ QJ
 ♣ KQ10876 ♣ AJ9

EW 5♥, 5♣, ♠ KJ762
 1N; ♥ Q10
 NS 2♠; 2♦ ♦ 962
 ♣ 542

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠	3♠	4♥
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In today's expert game some say when a pair bids 4♥, they are simply transferring to a 4♠ contract by their opponents. Here's a hand from Tues. Eve. March 5 to share some ideas about sacrificing. Here's a plausible auction. West's hand is too weak to open a 1-bid in 2nd

seat, and too strong to preempt in ♣s. North has some offense and some might open this 1 or 2♠ in 3rd seat but that's the exception not the rule. East has the best hand at the table and opens 1♥ with 6-cards and 15 HCP.

Note the QJ doubleton is NOT worth 3 HCP unless partner has a supporting honor. Count this hand as 14 until we hear more. Once West opens, South can bid a 5-card ♠ suit as a passed hand, and West can bid 2♠ showing ♥s with an invitational raise. Indeed West's hand values to about 11 Support Points – Never count a singleton Honor then add the Support Points for shortness in the suit. **Better to think of a singleton K, Q, or J as ZERO HCP and 2-3 Support Points depending on the quality of your trumps.** Here West's ♥s are relatively poor so we adjust our Support Points to 9 HCP + 2 Shortness Points = 11 SPs. If West held, say, ♥K532 then adding one more SP would be right. Marty Bergen recommends adding 1 SP for every trump when we have a singleton or void in our hand, to a maximum of 5. Something to think about.

Passed hand bidding changes the meanings of normal bids. On hearing South's ♠ overcall, North has a great fit and should offer 3♠. When partner first passes then overcalls, don't expect the moon. Bidding 4♠ would be premature. When East bids on to 4♥, South faces the first major decision for the partnership. South has 6 HCP and poor shape. Pass is in order. North on the other hand has a hand worth 8 HCP + 3 length Points + 3 Shortness Points. Given a likely 10 card fit in ♠s, bidding 4♠ looks right. As the card lie you must lose 2♥s, 2♦s and 1♣. Undoubled that's -100, doubled -300.

Look at East West's cards. They stand to lose 1♠ and 1♦ making 5 for either 200 or 450. In the open game, the 4♠ sacrifice was rewarded with an average result. If you let the opponents play unmolested in 4♥ then you get a near bottom.

Bd 11	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3♣ W		150	3	0
4♠ x N		300	1.5	1.5
4♠ x N		300	1.5	1.5
4♥ E		480	0	3.
4♥ E	50		1.75	0.25
4♥ E		480	0.25	1.75

That's the charm of matchpoints, sometimes you need a negative score to get a good result. In rubber bridge we avoid the sacrifice and move on to the next rubber where we expect luck to change. **TIP: When we hold 10 trumps & a singleton or void, bid to the level of the number of trumps you hold (EXCEPT when Vulnerable against Non-Vulnerable opponents – Pass instead).**

Newcomer News – Mike “Having Fun is Always on My Convention Card” Purcell [513 702 4007](http://513.702.4007)

Hi Everyone,

This week we had 2 tables. Congratulations to our winners Annette Kereiakes and Kathy Tyler. Well done!

This Saturday (3/9) Patrick Hoffman will be running the Newcomer Game. Since many of us including me will be in Indy for the Regional this weekend there will NOT be a 12:30 seminar. This week we look at a NT hand where developing our 6 card suit makes more sense than our two 7 card suits.

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 4 2		♠ K 6 5
♥ A 7 5 2		♥ K Q 9 4 3
♦ 7 4 2		♦ —
♣ 10 8 2		♣ K Q 9 7 5

♠ A 7 3		♠ K 6 5
♥ 8 6		♥ K Q 9 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 9 3		♦ —
♣ A 4		♣ K Q 9 7 5

	♠ Q J 10 9	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ A 8 6 5	
	♣ J 6 3	

EW 5N; 4♥;
5♦; 5♣; 3♠

Bidding – On this hand East with 14 HCP and a great 6 card diamond suit will open 1♦. East with 13 HCP immediately knows they need to be in game and will respond first 1♥ (shows 6+ HCP, 4+ hearts) to start the search for the correct contract. West has a choice of rebids including 1NT or 2♦. Regardless of which they choose East should rebid 3♣ (in Standard American) to show their game forcing two suiter. West without support for hearts but with a spade stopper should not be afraid to go to 3NT.

Play of the Hand – In NT contracts we start by counting winners. On this deal we have 5

Bd 7	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♦ W	150	7	0	
3 NT W	630	6	1	
3 NT E	660	4.5	2.5	
3 NT W	660	4.5	2.5	
3 NT E	690	1.5	5.5	
3 NT W	690	1.5	5.5	
3 NT W	690	1.5	5.5	
3 NT E	690	1.5	5.5	

winners (2S, 3C). There are three suits (hearts, diamonds, clubs) we can develop to make more. When deciding on which suit to develop do NOT count the winners you already have in the suit. You can always work on another suit and get these tricks too.

That mean in clubs at best we can get 2 more tricks if clubs break 3-3. Developing hearts can yield 2-3 tricks but we can lose 2-3 tricks too. In diamonds once we drive out the ♦A, we will likely win 5 more tricks which makes it the clear choice to work on first. If opponents find both of their aces before diamonds are set up, you will make 5NT. If they do not take the ♥A you can make 6NT (2S, 5D, 5C).

Post Mortem – Sometimes the best suits to develop are your short suits. In this case our 6 card diamond suit is the best choice to make overtricks.

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the **free software** offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>