

3/30 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

1st OA: **Sharon Koster & Lisa Eisenstein** (64.3%)

2nd OA: **John & Elizabeth Williams** (59.5%)



4/2 NLM Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Pam Campbell & Judy Barrick** (60.8%) Under 50

2nd OA: **Linda Pretz & Joyce Tedrick** (60%) Under 200

3rd OA: **Natalie Steinberg & Lisa Eisenstein** (58%) Under 50

4th OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisnerr** (55.4%) Under 200

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| Sat | Mar 6 | No Seminar | Learn Bridge in a Day! Tell a Friend |

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

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Which Slam to Bid? by Steve Moese

Board 23 ♠ 1096

South ♥ 10432

Deals ♦ KQ854

Both Vul ♣ Q

| | | |
|--------|----------|----------|
| ♠ KQ32 | N | ♠ A5 |
| ♥ AJ76 | W | ♥ KQ8 |
| ♦ 7 | E | ♦ AJ2 |
| ♣ AKJ4 | S | ♣ 109753 |

EW 7N; ♠ J874

7♥; 7♣; ♥ 95

6♠; 2♦; ♦ 10963

♣ 862

South West North East

Pass 1♣ Pass 3N¹

Pass 4N Pass 6N

1= 10+ HCP 5+♠s

Last night's the CBA celebrated members' 2012 success. Here's a challenging slam.

Bidding: West opens 1♣. North passes. East jumps to 3N showing 13-15 balanced with no 4-card major. South passes and West now invites. 18 HCP opposite a balanced 15 should make slam. East passes an invitational 4N with 13 or a bad 14 (no tricks)

but will bid slam with 14-15. Over4N, East can search

for slam in a suit by bidding 4-card suits up the line. A suit adds chances if EW has 31-32 HCP. 4N is NOT Ace-asking – no suit has been bid and we're in a NT auction. 4N invites partner to 6N or 6 of a minor. West is only interested in ♣s. East raises West to 6N. Some will bid 6♣s over 4N to show 5+ ♣s and a desire for slam. Unfortunately, this auction doesn't allow finding the ♣Q and counting all Key Cards. At Pairs, 6NT will score well.

The Play: South leads the ♦10 – top from a sequence is better than low from ♠ against a slam. Declarer wins the ♦A and plays a ♣ to the ♣A, in case the ♣Q is singleton. It is and declarer claims 13 tricks: 3♠, 4♥, 1♦, and 5♣.

Post Mortem: 6N+7 earned 8 of 11 Matchpoints. 6♣ scored 3.5 of 11. 1 pair bid 7♣ and won all the MPs. 7N was not bid.

2 Questions: 1) Should EW bid 7 on this hand and 2) if so, should they bid 7♣ or 7NT? 7 needs odds better than the payout. From the scores, we earn 11 MPs for a grand slam, but only 3 more MPs than making 6NT. The Grand Slam must succeed > 8/11 or **> 73%** to justify bidding it. To make 13 tricks we need to find the ♣Q. There are 2 lines:

- 1) Cash AK losing to any ♣Qxx(x) - **57.9% Success**
- 2) Cash A then finesse the ♣Q - **56.2% Success**

These results come from Richard Pavlicek's website – too hard to calculate at the table (see next page for details).

A grand slam is 58%, less than the 73% we need given the small MP score advantage. Since the field pays 3 more MPs or 27% premium (3/11) for the grand slam, bidding 7 is a poor risk. If you bid 7, there are 13 tricks with no ruffs, so bid NT - the higher scoring strain. As the cards lie, a risky decision earned a top!

| Bd | 23 | Scores | | MPs | |
|-----------------|------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| | | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| 3 | NT E | | 690 | 10 | 1 |
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| 6 | ♣ W | | 1390 | 7.5 | 3.5 |
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| 6 | NT E | | 1470 | 3 | 8 |
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| NLM GAME | | | | | |
| 3 | ♣ W | | 170 | 5 | 0 |
| 4 | ♠ W | | 650 | 4 | 1 |
| 3 | NT E | | 660 | 3 | 2 |
| 4 | ♥ W | | 710 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | NT E | | 1470 | 1 | 4 |
| 7 | ♣ W | | 2140 | 0 | 5 |

ALERT! What follows is detailed and technical. If you feel more comfortable skipping this, please do!

| # | A | B | South | North | # | % |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|-------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | W | W | Q862 | --- | 1 | 4.78 |
| 2 | L | W | Q86 | 2 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 3 | L | W | Q82 | 6 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 4 | W | W | Q8 | 62 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 5 | L | W | Q62 | 8 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 6 | W | W | Q6 | 82 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 7 | W | W | Q2 | 86 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 8 | W | W | Q | 862 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 9 | W | W | 862 | Q | 1 | 6.27 |
| 10 | W | L | 86 | Q2 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 11 | W | L | 82 | Q6 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 12 | L | L | 8 | Q62 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 13 | W | L | 62 | Q8 | 1 | 6.78 |
| 14 | L | L | 6 | Q82 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 15 | L | L | 2 | Q86 | 1 | 6.27 |
| 16 | L | L | --- | Q862 | 1 | 4.78 |
| TOTALS | | | | | 16 | 100 |
| A | Cash A and K | | | | 9 | 57.91 |
| B | Cash A, finesse Q | | | | 9 | 56.21 |

To the left are the results of the **Card Combination Analyzer** found on **Richard Pavlicek's website** for the ♣ suit in EW Board 23. [Go to Richard Pavlicek's home page <http://www.rpbridge.net> then click on **Bridge Calculators** then click on **Card Combination Analyzer**. Or, go to this link directly: <http://www.rpbridge.net/xcc1.htm> Fill in the 2 hands and the calculator will create this grid].

Missing 4 cards in the ♣ suit (Q862) there are 16 ways the 4 missing cards can split between the opponents hands. **For n missing cards, there are 2ⁿ possibilities, or 2 multiplied "n" times.**

Notice that each individual split is not equally likely. 2-2 > 1-3/3-1 > 0-4/4-0. Note as well there are more 3-1 splits than there are 2-2 splits. While any 3-1 split is more likely than a 2-2 split, a specific 3-1 split is less likely than a specific 2-2 split.

| Split | # | % each | % Any |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| 4-0 / 0-4 | 2 | 4.78 | 9.56 |
| 3-1 / 1-3 | 8 | 6.22 | 49.76 |
| 2-2 | 6 | 6.78 | 40.70 |
| <i>Singleton Q</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>6.22</i> | <i>12.43</i> |

Here are the 2 lines of play tested: A) Cash AK hoping for Q or Qx, or B) Cash A and Finesse the ♣Q

Line A wins 9 splits or cases, and line B wins 9 cases. A has a slightly greater chance of success so A is the line of play we should choose without information to the contrary.

What about taking a 1st round ♣ finesse? Look at case B. Taking a 1st round finesse loses to the singleton Q off-side, reducing our chance of success by 6.21% to 50%. Finesses are 50% absent other data. (8 ever, 9 never anyone?)

Don't take unnecessary risk. When you have enough cards in both hands and it is right to finesse, cashing a high honor before finessing can protect against a bad break in the suit.

Newcomer News – Mike "Having Fun is Always on My Convention Card" Purcell 513 702 4007

Hi Everyone, This week we had 2 tables. This week's leaders are:

Lisa Eisenstein and Sharon Koster placed 1st with 64.29%

John and Elizabeth Williams came in 2nd with 59.52%

Full results for Saturday's game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130330A.HTM>

Board 20 ♠ J 6 5 3
 West Deals ♥ Q
 Both Vul ♦ A K 10 7 2
 ♣ A 9 5

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

EW 6♥; 5♠;
 5♣; NS 3♦

♠ 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ Q J 8 6 5 4 3
 ♣ 7 3 2

NO GAME THIS SAT (4/6) – The CBA will hold **Learn Bridge in a Day** Saturday April 6th. If you have friends that want to learn bridge, this is a great event for them. We will resume 4/13 with a new seminar series on Overcalls and Interference Bidding. This week gave us many distribution hands including this one that can make slam on 22 HCP. Enjoy!

Board 20
Bidding – North with 14 HCP and 5 good ♦s will open 1♦ (shows 12-21 HCP, 3+ ♦s). East has 16 HCP with 5 ♣s, 4 ♥s and 3 ♠s. This is a strong hand worth at least 19 support points if a fit is found. I prefer to double with this hand. This is a takeout double

promising at least an opening hand, shortness in the opened suit (0-2 cards) and support for the unbid suits, ideally 4 card support but can be 3 in some cases. South with only 4 HCP but 7 ♦s should raise to 3♦ or 4♦ preemptively. West should not be discouraged over this preempt. Their hand is worth 12 support points in ♥s (6 HCP, 3 for the void, 1 for the doubleton and 2 for the extra trump over 4) and should push on to 4♥. Even if North competes to 5♦, East with extras should go to 5♥.

If East overcalls 2♣ – South should still raise to 3♦ or 4♦ preemptively. West will likely pass which puts a lot of pressure on East. Most Easts will bid over 3♦ (likely 3♥) but only the bravest Easts will bid over 4♦.

Play of the Hand – Using West as the main hand (most trump) you have only one loser (1♣) if ♠s break. Even if they don't as in this deal you can either ruff losing spades or pitch them on good ♣s. Once you draw trump you will find 6♥ easy to make.

Post Mortem – On this deal East has a great hand but only if they find partner's suit. Effective use of a takeout double is often the best way to do this.

| Contract | Scores | | MPs | | | |
|----------|--------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Bd | 20 | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| 4 ♦ N | | | 100 | | 8 | 0 |
| 5 ♣ E | | | 620 | | 7 | 1 |
| 4 ♥ W | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 5 ♥ E | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 5 ♥ E | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 5 ♥ E | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 4 ♥ W | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 4 ♥ W | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 5 ♥ W | | | 680 | | 3 | 5 |
| 2 ♦ N | 110 | | | | 1 | 0 |
| 3 ♥ E | | | 230 | | 0 | 1 |

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/>