



**5/18-19 NLM Sectional LeEaders**

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**5/28 99er Tues Eve Leaders**

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Barbara Cooper & Judy Crotty Hall** (64.9%)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Martin Gibler & Stacy Vanstone** (62.3%)



CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	May 25	Mike Purcell	Take Out Doubles

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**New Fri NLM 11 AM** (Lecture 10:30) CBA

**Sat 0-40 1 PM (Seminar 12:30 PM)** partners provided

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**A Rueful Grand Slam by Steve Moese**

1<sup>st</sup> hand of the night. We're North, playing with one of the area's best players and pick up this hand in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat:

♠83 ♥A984 ♦Q1097 ♣AKJ

**East South West North**

Pass 1♠ Pass 2N

Pass 4♣<sup>1</sup> Pass 4♠<sup>2</sup>

Pass 7♣!! Pass ???

1= Gerber Ace Ask

2= 2 Aces

Always good to have an opening hand. 2N says we have game and a balanced hand. 4♣ asks Aces (4♦=0 or 4 Aces, 4♥=1, 4♠=2, 4N=3). Partner's jump

to 7♣ says we have no missing Aces or Kings. Should we do anything other than pass? We got to Grand Slam FAST! Better look at the hand one more time:

♠83 ♥A984 ♦Q1097 ♣AKJ ← Is this a joke?

North's 2=4=4=3 hand became 0=4=4=5 as 2 ♠ cards

morphed into ♣s. North miss-sorted this hand:

♣VOID ♥A984 ♦Q1097 ♣AKJ83 !!!

Partner has bid to 7♠ and North has no trumps. (Partner will be expecting 1 or 2). North still has a bid to make. None of the pips are changing back to the ♠s we had in the first 2 rounds of bidding. What should we do?

**Board 10** ♠ –

East Deals ♥ A 9 7 4

Both Vul ♦ Q 10 9 7

♣ A K J 8 3

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 6 5 2

♦ K 6 4

♣ 10 7 5



♠ 9 8 7 3

♥ 10 8

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ 9 6 2

♠ A K Q J 6 4 2

NS 7N; 7♠;

7♣; 5♥; 5♦

♥ K 3

♦ A 3

♣ Q 4

Partner will usually have a solid 6+ card ♠ suit. Passing is a reasonable choice. Maybe we can resort our hand as we originally saw it so when we put it down in dummy we can feign shock and horror - our ♠s turned into ♣s!

At least we discovered our error while we could still bid something. If partner can contribute at least 4♠ tricks, perhaps we can manage 5♣, 2♦ and 2♥ tricks. Since we have no losers off the top, we can correct to 7NT, just in case ♠ are splitting poorly. Either way we are going to declare. Partner tables a 4-loser. As long as ♠s are behaving we can count 13 tricks. The opening lead is the ♠9. After 2 ♠ tricks, declarer claims 13 tricks. 7N+7 scores +2220 and all the match points.

Bd 10	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
7 NT N	2220		5	0
7 ♠ N	2210		4	1
6 NT S	1470		3	2
6 ♠ S	1460		1.5	3.5
6 ♣ S	1460		1.5	3.5
4 ♠ S	710		0	5
	1460		3.88	0.13
4 ♠ S	710		1.38	2.63
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Pity poor East-West. South explained the bidding agreement accurately, and North bid consistent with what they thought they saw. No infraction here, just the "Rub of the green" (the baize felt cloth – a common poker table surface). That doesn't save the burn EW feel. Sorry, Joe and Amy. There ought'a be a law....Yes, I committed North's auction. Anyone seen my bifocals? Oh, I'm wearing them? ☺

## Cincinnati NLM Sectional Results

Congratulations to all the Newcomers, 99ers and Non-Life Masters who participated in the weekend NLM Sectional held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. Here are the topline results:

<b>Sat Morn NLM Pairs – 21.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables</b>						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
3.79	1			<b>Adrienne Freiberg - Richard Freiberg, Cincinnati OH</b>	63.70%	
2.84	2			Patricia Leikhim - Jacquelin Tepe, Cincinnati OH	62.12%	
2.13	3			Larry Newman, Cincinnati OH; Jane Duncan, W Chester OH	61.78%	
1.60	4			Joan Kiralfy, Springboro OH; Linda Fadely, Dayton OH	61.74%	
1.20	5			Joan Mehl - Gayle Keaney, Cincinnati OH	60.20%	
0.90	6			Nancy Willis - Howard Schumacher, Cincinnati OH	59.31%	
2.19		1	1	<b>Susan Stacy Vanstone - Martin Gibler, West Chester OH</b>	57.99%	
1.64		2		Joe Kammer - Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH	55.10%	
1.23		3		Judy Eilers - Nancy Tilsley, Cincinnati OH	54.90%	
0.92		4		Linda Pretz, Cincinnati OH; Joyce Tedrick, Loveland OH	54.04%	
0.69		5		Donna Batchelder - Floyd Batchelder, Florence KY	53.79%	
0.52		6		Judy Crotty Hall - Liz Lin, Cincinnati OH	53.65%	
0.85			2	Barbara Cooper - Patricia Sweeney, Cincinnati OH	50.48%	
0.64			3	Carol Markham - J Thomas Markham, Cincinnati OH	50.21%	
0.48			4	Chris Ekris - Patricia Ekris, Florence KY	48.81%	

<b>Sat Morn 49er Pairs - 3.0 Tables</b>						
MPs	D	E		Names	Score	
0.98	1	1		<b>Robert Roark - Sharon Koster, Cincinnati OH</b>	58.75%	
0.74	2	2		Janet Rebman - Linda Silvati, Cincinnati OH	57.50%	

### Sat Aft NLM Pairs - 15.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.82	1			<b>Mary Latham, Batavia OH; Gretchen Sherman, Cincinnati OH</b>	63.58%
2.12	2			Debbie Wiest, West Chester OH; Daniel Koppenhafer, Cincinnati OH	61.27%
1.59	3			Sylvia Maltz - Justina Clendening, Cincinnati OH	60.04%
1.19	4			Gail Arnow - Patrick Hoffman, Cincinnati OH	59.54%
0.89	5			Jane Duncan, W Chester OH; Larry Newman, Cincinnati OH	58.11%
1.90	6	1		<b>Rosalie Hancock, Plainfield IN; Pat Klepfer, Indianapolis IN</b>	57.63%
1.43		2	1	<b>Ernest Spegele, Dayton OH; Joseph Camillus, Centerville OH</b>	56.44%
1.07		3		Steven Boehmer - Janet Turber, Beaver creek OH	55.21%
0.80		4		Donna Batchelder - Floyd Batchelder, Florence KY	52.02%
0.60		5		Patricia Smaracko, Villa Hills KY; Liz Godshall, Union KY	51.93%
0.85		6	2	Patricia Sweeney - Barbara Cooper, Cincinnati OH	51.47%
0.64			3	Martin Gibler - Susan Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH	51.21%
0.48			4	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Lisa Eisenstein, Loveland OH	49.80%

### Sunday NLM Swiss Teams - 11 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.41	1			<b>Patrick Hoffman - David Morris - Holly Morris - Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH</b>	158.00
2.71	2	1		<b>Larry Newman - Daniel Koppenhafer, Cincinnati OH; Jane Duncan, W Chester OH; Debbie Wiest, West Chester OH</b>	126.00
1.92	3			Barbara Bitticker, Miamisburg OH; Ruth Sendelbach, Centerville OH; Linda Fadely, Dayton OH; Joan Kiralfy, Springboro OH	113.00
2.03	4	2		Gail Schimpf, Morrow OH; Ellen Jackson, Cincinnati OH; Janet Hansen, Batesville IN; Nancy Cameron, Loveland OH	108.00
1.52		3		David Kennedy - M Brian Clausing, Dayton OH; Sandra Pahl - Sandra Haack, Troy OH	101.00
1.66	4	1		<b>Amy Gerowitz - Charlie Kobida - Pat Lindeman - Peg Jervis, Cincinnati OH</b>	87.00

## TOP 20 Masterpoint Winners

Total masterpoints: 147.62 earned by 84 players.

Total attendance: 62 tables.

T 1	5.73	Larry Newman, Cincinnati OH
T 1	5.73	Jane Duncan, W Chester OH
T 3	5.40	Debbie Wiest, West Chester OH
T 3	5.40	Daniel Koppenhafer, Mason OH
T 5	4.60	Patrick Hoffman, Cincinnati OH
T 5	4.60	Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH
T 7	3.80	Linda Fadely, Dayton OH
T 7	3.80	Joan Kiralfy, Springboro OH
T 9	3.79	Richard Freiberg, Cincinnati OH
T 9	3.79	Adrienne Freiberg, Cincinnati OH
T 11	3.41	Holly Morris, Cincinnati OH
T 11	3.41	David Morris, Cincinnati OH
T 13	3.34	Susan Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH
T 13	3.34	Martin Gibler, West Chester OH
T 15	3.22	Mary Latham, Villa Hills KY
T 15	3.22	Gretchen Sherman, Cincinnati OH
T 17	2.84	Patricia Leikhim, Cincinnati OH
T 17	2.84	Jacquelin Tepe, Cincinnati OH
T 19	2.03	Nancy Cameron, Loveland OH
T 19	2.03	Janet Hansen, Loveland OH
T 19	2.03	Gail Schimpf, Morrow OH
T 19	2.03	Ellen Jackson, Cincinnati OH

Go to <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2013/05/1305105.htm> for detailed results! Go to [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com) for the press reports (game scores) and hand records (Pairs only).

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

Last Saturday we held a special Non-Life Master (NLM) Tournament at the club. I saw many players from Saturday there. Congratulations to **Robert Roark** and **Sharon Koster** for winning the 0-20 section. They also placed in the open section along with **Pam Campbell** and **Lisa Eisenstein**. **Pat Hoffman** did pretty well too on the winning Swiss Team Sunday. Well done all! Hopefully everyone who participated will be that much more ready for the **Flying Pig Regional in June!**

The following Saturday (5/25) Pat Hoffman will be running the game and I will be doing the seminar on Overcalls – Takeout Doubles.

This week we look at a neat slam hand where distribution is more important than HCP from the NLM tourney. If you have any questions on this hand or others, you are welcome to email me at [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com).

**Board 2** ♠ K 9 6 4 2  
 East Deals ♥ 6  
 N-S Vul ♦ 8 6 2  
 ♣ K Q 5 4

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

EW 6♥; 5♦; ♥ 10  
 NS 1♠ ♦ 10 9 7  
 ♣ A 10 8 7 2

**Bidding** – East with 16 HCP and a great 6 card heart suit opens 1♥ (12+ HCP, 5+ Hearts). West has 5 hearts, 8 HCP and a void. West’s hand can be evaluated as high as 13 support points (8 HCP, 3 for the void and 2 more for the two extra trumps).

We want to be in game with this hand opposite even a minimum opener from partner. West can start with a 2♦ response (Forcing) looking to rebid 4♥ later. Do NOT jump to 4♥ right away. That shows a much weaker hand with 5+ hearts. In Standard American bidding after 2♦, most East’s will rebid 3H shows 6+ hearts and 16-18 HCP which West will raise to 4♥. East now

knows there is a heart fit and can value up their hand to at least 18-19 support points (16 HCP, 2 for the singleton club and perhaps 1 for the 6<sup>th</sup> heart). They know West has at least 10+ points and their KJ of diamonds is playing well. If partner has two Aces, slam is likely. If East asks for aces by bidding 4NT (Blackwood) West may only show one and bidding will stop in 5♥. If East-West plays a secondary convention that allows West to respond 5NT showing 1 or 3 Aces and a useful void (6♣ for 2 Aces and a useful Void) then 6♥ will be the contract.

**Play of the Hand** – Regardless of the lead, East starts out for 3 losers (2S, 1C). However you can rough all 4 spades in dummy even after drawing trump. If opponents do not cash the ♣A at trick one then the club loser will go away on good diamonds.

**Post Mortem** – With West’s hand, make sure not to underestimate the value of extra trump, distribution and good side suits (diamonds). Many times these features will play better for partner than High Card Points (HCP)!

Bd 2	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ E		480	7	0
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
4♥ E		510	3	4
5♥ E		480	6.36	0.64
4♥ E		480	6.36	0.64
5♥ E		510	2.93	4.07
4♥ E		510	2.93	4.07
5♥ E		510	2.93	4.07
4♥ E		510	2.93	4.07
6♥ x E		1210	0.07	6.93
4♥ E		480	2.00	0.00
4♥ E		510	1.00	1.00
6♥ E		1010	0.00	2.00

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/>