



7/9 99er Tues Eve Leaders

- 1st OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones** (59.5%)
- 2nd OA: **Judith Lucas & Linda Drasnin** (59.3%)
- 3rd OA: **Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein** (59.1%)



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Saturdays 10 AM – 12 Noon
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Stayman Anyone? by Steve Moese - CBA Tue Eve July 9

Board 23 ♠ 9 5 3
South Deals ♥ J 5
Both Vul ♦ Q J 3
♣ Q J 10 3 2

♠ J 10 7 6 4
♥ Q 9 8 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ 8

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♠ A Q 8
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A K 4

♠ K 2
♥ K 10 3
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ 9 7 6 5

When partner opens 1NT (15-17) we look for a major suit fit in one of 2 ways. Stayman helps locate a 4-4 fit. Jacoby Transfers (2♦→♥, 2♥→♠) find 5-3 and 5-4 fits. What do we do with 5-4 in the Majors? It depends! West

can have a poor hand (0-5 HCP) a constructive hand 6-7 HCP) an Invitational Hand (8-9 HCP) a game hand (10-14 HCP) a slam possible hand (15-16 HCP) or a slam likely hand (17+ HCP). West 's hand evaluates to 9-10

Support Points in a major. There is a small chance EW have no 8-card Major (East is 2=3=4=4 or 2=3=[35][53]).

| South | West | North | East | The Bidding |
|-------|------|----------|------|---------------------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1N | opens 1N holding a |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | maximum HCP |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3N | 3=4=3=3 hand. With |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | | this shape, ruffing |

tricks will have to come from partner. We face an evaluation decision. If we decide this hand is constructive, we can transfer to ♠ and pass. If we decide this hand is invitational, we can use Stayman to invite partner. What's best? Let's maximize our chances by taking a flexible approach. Bring partner in on the decision! With 5♠ and 4♥ and invitational values, begin with Stayman. If partner responds 2♦ denying a 4-card Major, rebid 2♠ showing 5♠ cards and an invitational hand. Opener will know what to do. With a poor hand for the Majors opener will rebid 2N. With a fit for ♠, opener can pass with a minimum, raise to show about 16 HCP and bid game with a fitting 17 HCP. You might land in a 24 HCP 3N if partner does not fit your Majors, but that's not an impossible game.

Here East decided to show a 3=4=3=3 17 HCP hand by rebidding 3N after the ♥ invitation by responder. If Responder held a balanced hand with 8-9 HCP, passing would be appropriate as 9 tricks in NT are more likely than 10 in ♥s. The singleton ♣ is enough to tilt the decision to 4♥.

The Opening Lead - ♣5. South does not want to lead away from a K with the big hand to the right. Passive leads work best for tentative games (this auction).

The Play – Declarer counts 5 winners and 5 losers. There's a lot of work to do. Win the ♣A, then play the ♣K, pitching a ♦ loser from dummy (West). The trump suit looks ugly. When faced with this suit, lead small toward the ♥Q and hope the K is on side. South should win and switch to a ♦.

(If South ducks, declarer will

| Bd 23 | Scores | | MPs | |
|--------------|--------|------------|----------|----------|
| | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| 3 NT E | 100 | | 5 | 0 |
| 2 ♠ E | | 110 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 ♠ E | | 170 | 3 | 2 |
| 2 ♥ W | | 200 | 1.5 | 3.5 |
| 2 ♥ E | | 200 | 1.5 | 3.5 |
| 4 ♥ E | | 650 | 0 | 5 |
| 2 ♠ E | | 140 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 ♠ W | | 140 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 ♠ E | | 140 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 ♠ E | | 170 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 ♥ E | | 620 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| 4 ♥ E | | 620 | 0.5 | 4.5 |

switch to ♠s, developing tricks in that suit before the ♦A is knocked out. That leads to 11 tricks for declarer and a bad match point score). Declarer wins this, draws trumps in 2 more rounds ending in dummy, then finesses the ♠K. When this loses to South, a ♦ completes the defensive book, but declarer has 10 tricks.

Post Mortem – West’s invitational sequence might seem aggressive. If we think only about point count, EW have 7 plus 15 or 22 HCP between them. However, West’s hand evaluates to more than 7 HCP. The singleton adds 2 Support Points and the 5th ♠ adds one more for a total of 10, assuming a major fit is found. Turns out when we hold 5-4 in the Majors, there’s a 61% chance we have an 8+ Card fit in our 5-card suit and a 31% chance we have an 8+ card fit in our 4-card suit. Any 8-card Major fit occurs 77% of the time (subtract 15% when we have two 8-card fits). (See: <http://www.durangobill.com/BrSuitStats.html>) **Invite!**

Say partner opens 1NT (15-17). What do you bid with the following?

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| ♠xxxx♥ xxxx ♦ xxxxx ♣ void 0 HCP | This will play better in ♦/♥/♠ than 1N. Bid 2♣. Pass whatever partner bids. (Garbage Stayman). With a weak hand and a doubleton, singleton, or void, play in 2 of a suit. |
| ♠xxxx♥ xxxx ♦ void ♣ xxxxx 0 HCP | Now we aim for a major, accepting even a 4-3 fit. Bid 2♣ and correct 2♦ to 2♥ (Crawling Stayman). Pass partner’s 2M bid. |
| ♠xxxx♥ Qxxx ♦ Kx ♣ xxx 5 HCP | Now 1N is good. Partner likely has an entry to you hand. Pass and expect a plus score. |
| ♠Qxxx♥ Qxxx ♦ Kx ♣ xxx 7 HCP | A magic fit with partner’s 17 HCP perfect fit hand might make game. Not a likely holding. Pass! Not enough shape. If you want to gamble, try the casino. |
| ♠Qxxxx♥ Qxxx ♦ x ♣ Kxx 7 HCP + 2 = 9 SPs | Invite game in a major. 1 fewer loser than the previous hand – thanks to the singleton ♦. |
| ♠Axxx♥ Qxxx ♦ Kxx ♣ xx 9 HCP + 1 = 10 SPs | Stayman then 3N (or 4 of partner’s major) – All HCP are working and partner rates to have about 16 HCP. |
| ♠Axxx♥ KQxx ♦ KQx ♣ Jx 15 HCP | With 15 HCP bid 2♣ Stayman then a new suit to show slam interest. Experts bid 3 of the other Major as a GF raise with slam interest. Control bidding then Ace asking follows. If partner shows no Major, we play 3N. 6N (32 HCP on 2 balanced hands) is unlikely. |
| ♠Axxx♥ KQxx ♦ KQx ♣ Kx 17 HCP | With 16-17 HCP bid 2♣ Stayman then make a quantitative raise to 4N asking partner to bid on with any hand but a minimum 15. Partner will bid 4-card suits up the line. |
| ♠Axxx♥ KJxx ♦ xxx ♣ x 8 HCP + 2 = 10 SPs | Invite partner by transferring to 2♥ and rebidding 2♠. This is the only case where we transfer with a 4-card major in our hand. All other hands use Stayman first. |
| ♠Axxxx♥ KJxx ♦ xxx ♣ x 8 HCP + 2 = 10 SPs | Only 8 HCP but worth an invitation to a major game. Bid 2♣ Stayman and invite opener by raising their Major one step, or rebidding 2♠ over 2♦. |
| ♠Axxxx♥ KJxx ♦ Qxx ♣ x 10 HCP + 2 = 12 SPs | Game Force. Stayman. Bid game in the Major. If partner has no Major, rebid 3♠ (Standard) or 3♥ (Smolen Convention) to show a GF 5=4 pattern. Opener chooses ♠ or NT. Smolen bids 3 of the 4-card major so the NT opener declares either NT or the 5-card Major (holding 3 trumps). |
| ♠Axxxxx♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣ x 8 HCP + 4 = 12 SPs | The 6 th ♠ makes this hand one trick stronger than the 5=4 hand above. Use Stayman, then insist on game. Jump to 4 of partner’s major. Rebid 4♠ (standard) or 4♥ (Transfer to ♠) depending on your methods. 8 HCP + 2/Singleton + 1/doubleton + 1 Extra ♠ = 12 Support Pts. |
| ♠Axxxxx♥ KJx♦ xxx ♣ x→ ♠Axx♥ KJxxxx ♦ xxx ♣ x→ | Bid 4♥ to transfer to 4♠. We belong in game. This is the Texas Transfer for ♠. Bid 4♦ to show 6 ♥s. This is the Texas Transfer for ♥. When 64 in the Majors, use Stayman first to find the right trump suit. |
| ♠Axxxx♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣ x 8 HCP + 3 = 11 SPs | Game Force. If you use 3♠ to show a GF 55 in the majors use it! If not, bid 2♥ to transfer to ♠ and rebid 3♥ - a game force. |
| ♠AKxx♥ KQJx ♦ KQx ♣ Kx 21 HCP | 2♣ Stayman, then 5N → Invites 7 of partner’s major or 7NT if partner is a maximum. |

There are many possible strength and shape possibilities for major suits once partner has opened 1NT (15-17). Stayman, Jacoby, and Texas Transfers can help you handle them all.

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

This coming Saturday Pat Hoffman and I will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. New players up to 99ers and youth players are welcome. We play 8-10 hands with discussion and analysis. People of like experience will play together as appropriate. Cost to play is only \$1.

No Sat Session July 20th – Due to the Sectional Tournament at Club (STAC) going on that week, we will not have our supervised play session Sat July 20th. We will resume July 27th!!!

This week we look at a hand where good communication between partners in the bidding is needed to bid game.

Board 4

West Deals

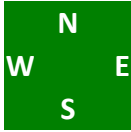
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♠ Q 9 6
♥ 8 7 2
♦ A J 9 6
♣ J 7 5

♠ A 10 8
♥ A K 10 9 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ K 6

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ A 10 9 2

♠ K J 4 3
♥ J 4
♦ 10 3 2
♣ Q 8 4 3



EW 4N; 4♥;
2♠; 2♦; 2♣

Bidding – On this deal West has 17 HCP and 6 hearts and will open 1♥ (12-21, 5+ hearts). Partner with 8 HCP and only 2 hearts must respond 1NT (6-9 HCP, 0-2 Hearts, no 4 card spade suit). West has an extra heart and extra points. A 2♥ bid is not correct because while it does show the sixth heart it only promises 12-15 HCP. West should rebid 3♥ showing 16-18 HCP and 6 hearts and invitational to game. Now, what must East have to consider game? Since the East hand is already limited to 6-9 HCP, we will pass on the low end of our range, 6-7 HCP, and try for game on 8-9 HCP hands. Here we have 8 HCP and 2 hearts for partner so we can comfortably go to 4♥ with our 8 card fit. With 8-9 HCP and less than 2 hearts we

would go to 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a spade lead, West has 3 losers (2♠, 1♦) and no way to get rid of them so the contract is making exactly 4 for +620.

Post Mortem – Do not be afraid with the West hand to jump rebid on a good 6 card major suit and Invitational values (16-18 HCP). With a 6 card minor remember to invite in NT when you can. When you hold the East hand and partner makes an invitational bid like 3♥, make sure to push to game with your 8-9 HCP hands. Your hand may not look strong but partner does not need much to make game.

| Bd 4 | Scores | | MPs | |
|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| | N-S | E-W | N-S | E-W |
| 2♥ W | 170 | 5 | 0 | |
| 4♥ W | 620 | 3 | 2 | |
| 4♥ W | 620 | 3 | 2 | |
| 4♥ W | 620 | 3 | 2 | |
| 3 NT E | 630 | 1 | 4 | |
| 4♥ W | 650 | 0 | 5 | |
| 2♥ W | 170 | 4.9 | 0.1 | |
| 1 NT W | 180 | 3.7 | 1.3 | |
| 2♥ W | 200 | 2.5 | 2.5 | |
| 3♥ W | 230 | 1.3 | 3.7 | |
| 4♥ W | 620 | 0.1 | 4.9 | |

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/>