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North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying

See website for specific games. Must play in open game.

No Supervised Play July 20 – Come to the STaC!

Slam Anyone? by Steve Moese - CBA Tue Eve July 16

Board 3 ♠ A Q 5
South ♥ J 9 2
Deals ♦ A K 6 2
E-W Vul ♣ K 8 3

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 10 7 6 4
♦ 10 7 3
♣ J 7 6

	N	♠ 6 4 2
W	E	♥ Q 8 5
	S	♦ J 8 5
		♣ A1042

♠ K J 9 8
♥ A K 3
♦ Q 9 4
♣ Q 9 5

Here's a fun slam.
The Bidding – South will open 1NT (15-17 HCP). After West passes, North has a simple decision. With 17 HCP and 3=3=4=3 pattern, 6N is a likely contract. NS have 32-34 HCP so a small slam in NT seems right. Is there any risk? Yes, a small

one. If NS have only 32 HCP they might be missing 2 Aces. How should North proceed? Best is to jump to 4♣ Gerber, asking for Aces. Responses to Gerber: 4♦-None or 4, 4♥-1 ace, 4♠-2 aces, 4N-3 Aces. South will bid 4♥ and North will rebid 6N. With 4333 shape and strength

there might not be a **South West North East**
source of tricks on this 1N Pass 4♣ Pass
hand. 4♥ Pass 6N Pass

The Lead – Most will lead the ♥4 (4th from longest and strongest). Some might try the ♠3, trying to hit partner's length and strength. With only 1 HCP, West hopes partner has at least 6 HCP (40-33-1=6).

The Plan - Declarer can count 8 tricks. 9 if we include 1 ♣ trick. Both hands are 4333 shape and our longest fit is only 7 cards. This means we will need some breaks. Even if both 7-card fits break 3-3, we have 11 tricks.

The Play – On the ♥4 lead, declarer has an extra chance. Where is the ♥Q? It's very unlikely West led away from an honor. Many know that a small slam in NT demands a passive lead – let declarer do the work to create tricks. So the right play is the ♥9, not the ♥J. We now count 9 tricks. With 2 more if both suits breaking 3-3, we have 11. Since ♣s will produce a trick, we make 12.

After a ♠ lead NS cannot make the contract with good defense. Declarer will play on ♠ and ♦s forcing East to discard twice. East should let go of 2 ♣ cards, reducing to ♠ - ♥Q85 ♦ - ♣ A10. Declarer can cash 1♥ trick but must now play on ♣s. To defeat the contract, West must win the ♣A immediately and lead back the ♣10. The remaining cards:

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 3	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT S	990		4	0
6 ♠ S	980		3	1
3 NT N	490		2	2
6 NT S		50	0.5	3.5
6 NT S		50	0.5	3.5
6 NT S	990		4.5	0.5
6 NT S	990		4.5	0.5
5 NT S	490		3	2
4 NT S	460		2	3
4 NT S	430		1	4
6 NT S		100	0	5

As long as both East and West keep all 3 ♥ cards, the slam cannot be made. If West discards a ♥ to keep any other card, South will lead the ♥J covered by East's Q and won with the K. The A would drop the ♥10, leaving the ♥ nine as the 12th trick. If West discards a ♥, South can cash out top ♥s. Of the 7 times this hand was played in the open game, 6 slams were reached, of which 2 failed. No one in the NLM section bid slam.

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

Great session last week with a nice mix of experienced players and new players. Thanks to all who attended and especially our volunteers Pat Hoffman and Bob Fisk.

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.

Next Sat Session July 27th – A week from Saturday, Phyllis Bishop and I will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. Hope to see you there.

This week we look at a hand where a preempt causes problems getting to game.

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A J 10
♥ A K 4 2
♦ K 8
♣ A 8 7 2

♠ 6 4
♥ J 8
♦ Q J 10 9 7 6
♣ K 10 9



♠ 7 5
♥ Q 9 7
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ Q J 6 4

NS 4♠; 4♥;
N 3N; S 1N;
EW 2♦

♠ K Q 9 8 3 2
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 4
♣ 5 3

Bidding – On this deal West is the dealer and has 7 HCP and a solid 6 card diamond suit. This is a good hand to open a preemptive 2♦. This puts a lot of pressure on North who has balanced 19 HCP. What should North do? Many players will bid 2NT with 15-18 HCP and a diamond stopper. You are stronger than that. Doubling for the unbid suits showing at least a good opener or more is also a possibility but in a perfect world you would have 4 hearts and 4 spades for partner. Between these two choices I like double best. East will likely raise partner’s preempt to 3♦ but West should have no trouble bidding 3♠ on their hand worth at least 8 support points in spades (5 HCP, 2 for the singleton, 1 for the doubleton). North now knows they have game values (19 + 8 =27 points) and can either chance raising to 4♠ with 3 card support or rebid 3NT. If North rebids 3NT South with 6 spades and a distributional hand must correct to 4♠.

If East does not raise to 3♦ – After 2♦ and double by partner, South must jump raise to 3♠ to show their 8+ support point hand in spades. Bidding proceeds from there as before to reach 4♠.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a diamond lead, South has 3 losers (1♠, 1♥, 1♣). On this lead there is no way to eliminate a loser. Draw trump and run hearts for 6 spades, 3 hearts, and the ♣A for 10 tricks and +620.

Post Mortem – Especially after preempts, is it hard to describe our hands perfectly. Do the best you can and do not be afraid of a bad result every once in a while. More often than not you will land on your feet. After a takeout double from partner, do not be afraid to jump raise with 8+ points based on support points when a fit is known. Distribution plays just as well as HCP as this hand shows.

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 12	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ S	650		3.5	0.5
4 ♠ S	650		3.5	0.5
4 ♠ S	620		1	3
4 ♠ S	620		1	3
4 ♠ S	620		1	3
4 ♥ N	650		5	0
4 ♠ S	620		3.5	1.5
4 ♠ S	620		3.5	1.5
3 ♥ N	230		2	3
3 ♠ S	170		1	4
4 ♦ W	150		0	5

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/>