



7/23 99er Leaders

- 1st OA: **Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis** (60.3%)
- 2nd OA: **Cookie & J Thomas Markham** (59.5%)
- 3rd OA: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla** (57.9%)



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- Mon NLM 7 PM** Wed Home Style 11:00 AM CBA
- Tues 99er 7 PM** Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC
- Thurs NLM 7 PM** 1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC
- Fri NLM 11 AM** (Lecture 10:30) CBA
- Sat Supervised Play 10 AM to 12 Noon** (0-99ers)

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- July 27 – 28 Lexington KY S NLM
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North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying

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

Saturday Supervised Play 10 AM-12 Noon

Distribution?Bid!! by Steve Moese CBA Tue Eve July 23

Board 14 ♠ 2
 East Deals ♥ J1087642
 None Vul ♦ Q3
 ♣ KQ6

♠ KJ86
 ♥ —
 ♦ K1098752
 ♣ J8

N	♠ A10954
W	♥ 95
E	♦ A6
S	♣ 10543

♠ Q73
 ♥ AKQ3
 ♦ J4
 ♣ A972

EW 5♠; 5♦;
 NS 4♥; S 1♣

When does length make it safe to compete? Here's a hand with a big difference between the 99er and Open games. Let's talk!

The Bidding - South opens 1NT (15-17). What should West do? 8 HCP with power to the right seems weak. 11 cards in 2 suits is

very offense oriented. East's HCP are firmly in the long suits. This is a great hand for using your favorite convention to interfere over their 1NT. Here are a few possibilities you'll see at the club:

- DONT or Meckwell:** 2♦ (♦ and a higher suit)
- Modified Cappelletti:** 2♣ (minor or minor & Major)
- Natural:** 2♦

South West North East Let's assume EW play
 1N 2♦ 3♥/4♦ 3♠/P DONT – 2♦ shows ♦ and
 4♥ 4♠/P All Pass a higher suit. North bids
 3♥ Game Forcing (or 4♦ Texas Transfer to ♥). East offers
 3♠ knowing partner's 2nd suit must be ♠ (the only one
 left that's higher than ♥). South raises to 4♥ and West
 bids 4♠ - either to make or to sacrifice. NS now must
 judge whether to bid further. North should make that
 decision. We know South shape and strength. North
 sees that both pairs have a 2-suit fit, with EW's ♠&♦
 outranking NS's ♥&♣. At the table a 5♥ bid might be a
 good sacrifice or a terrible mistake. Double is out of the
 question lacking strength in their suits.

The Play – East will declare 4♠ and South will lead the
 ♥A. With 2 obvious losers in ♣s, West will finesse South
 for the ♥Q. West also hopes that ♦s split 2-2 or 3-1 with
 North holding a singleton Honor. As is it the cards are
 well placed for NS. 4♠ makes 5 for + 450. Notice that 5♥
 would go one down - a better score for NS than -450,
 but there's no assurance all will bid 4♠. Notice too that
 the entire open field bid 4♥/5♠x/6♦x. The 99er game
 saw one 4♥ and six no trump contracts.

Post Mortem – While East might be tempted to bid NT
 with 2 Aces, Aces play better in suits than NT. Two
 9-card fits say SUIT not no trump. West does well to
 realize this 8 HCP hand is an offensive powerhouse in
 terms of tricks (only 6 losers). East's ♠ bid makes
 West's hand even more valuable. Notice how 15
 working points and two 9-card fits enable a 10 trick
 game. At my table, I opened 1NT and West bid
 2♣ (Minor or Major+minor). North bid 4♦ - a Texas

Bd 14	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ S	450		6	0
4♥ S	420		4	2
4♥ S	420		4	2
4♥ S	420		4	2
5♠ x W	100		2	4
5♠ x E		850	1	5
6♦ x W		1090	0	6
3 NT E	50		4	2
3 NT E	50		4	2
3 NT E	50		4	2
4♥ W	50		4	2
3 NT W	50		4	2
2 NT W		120	1	5
3 NT E		400	0	6

Transfer to ♥s. My 4♥ rebid closed out the auction. East
 could not be sure what West had. A ♠ bid at the 4 level
 was too risky. Methods matter! Be sure to overcall with
 working strength and distribution.

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

This 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 that surprised me how it was bid. That doesn't happen too often. Enjoy!

Board 20 ♠ K J 4 3
 West Deals ♥ K 8
 Both Vul ♦ Q 10 9 4
 ♣ 9 6 2

♠ Q 8 7 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 6
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♥ A J 9 7 2	♥ 10 4										
♦ A 3	♦ K J 8 7 5 2										
♣ A K	♣ 8 7										

♠ 9 5
 EW 4♠; 4♥; ♥ Q 6 5 3
 3N; 5♦; NS 1♣ ♦ 6
 ♣ Q J 10 5 4 3

Bidding – On this deal West has 18 HCP and 5 hearts. You might expect West to open 1♥ (12-21 HCP, 5+ hearts) followed by 1NT (6-9 HCP, 0-3 spades, no support for hearts) from partner. West could then invite with 2NT (18-19 HCP) and East with the top of their 6-9 HCP range will go to game at 3NT. That makes sense but that's not what happened Tuesday night. Of the seven NT contracts played only 1 was declared by East. So how did the bidding go to have West mention NT first? I am guessing West downgraded AK of clubs and opened 1NT (15-17, balanced) instead of 1♥. If so East with 8 HCP and 6 diamonds will either invite with 2NT or give themselves 2 extra length point in diamonds and go straight to game. If they

invite, West will certainly bid game on their ultra max hand.

Play of the Hand – With West declaring and a club lead you have 6 winners (1♠, 1♥, 2♦, 2♣) and need three more to make the contract. The best suits to attack are diamonds and hearts. In hearts, if we capture the ♥K or ♥Q and the suit behaves well we can get 3 tricks more tricks. In diamonds, if we capture the ♦Q and the suit breaks 3-2 (odds on) then we get 4 more tricks. If we lose the ♦Q we still get 3 tricks. With more upside and no downside, diamonds is the best suit to work on. Play ♦A and a low diamond to the ♦J in dummy. While the finesse works you still have to give North the ♦Q on a 4-1 diamond break but you make the contract for +600.

Post Mortem – Many times you can choose multiple ways to show the same hand as in this example. Many times you will end up in the same place, but not always. This is what is so fascinating about bridge and one of the reasons we love this game.

Contract	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
Bd 20				
2 ♠ W		140	6	0
2 NT W		150	5	1
3 ♣ x S		500	4	2
3 NT W		600	2.5	3.5
3 NT E		600	2.5	3.5
3 NT W		630	0.5	5.5
3 NT W		630	0.5	5.5
3 NT W	100		5.5	0.5
4 ♥ W	100		5.5	0.5
3 ♥ W		170	3	3
2 ♥ W		170	3	3
2 ♥ W		170	3	3
2 ♥ W		200	1	5
3 NT W		630	0	6.

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/>