

7/30 99er Leaders

- 1st OA: **Martin Gibler & Stacy Vanstone** (63.5%)
- 2nd OA: **Lewis Temples & James Hunkler** (59.3%)
- 3rd OA: **Gail Zimmer & Mark Mitchell** (58.3%)
- 1st 0-20: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla** (45.4%)



CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

- Mon <2000 7 PM** **Tues 99er 7 PM**
- Wed Home Style 11:00 AM** [Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY]
- Thu Eve 7 PM** (if attendance warrants)
- Fri NLM 11 AM (Lecture 10:30)** [1st Fri 99er 10AM NKY]
- Sat 99er 10 AM to 12 Noon Supervised Play**

Area Tournaments

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| Aug 1 – 11 | Atlanta, GA | N |
| Aug 9 – 11 | Wheeling WV | S |
| Aug 10 – 11 | Louisville KY | S NLM |
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| Aug 10 – 11 | Louisville KY | S NLM |
| Aug 12 – 18 | Indianapolis IN | S Unit 130 |
| Aug 27 Sep 2 | Pittsburgh, PA | R |

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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

An Intricate Game by Steve Moese CBA Tue Eve July 30

Board 14 ♠ J 8 6 4 2
East Deals ♥ K 8 6 5 4
None Vul ♦ 6
♣ 10 2

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♣ K J 6 4

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	Dbl	4♣	AP

game. If partner doesn't, they do & we get in their way.
Opening Lead – Don't lead a trump (they have a 10+ card fit). Attack! Here the ♥Q is a standout.

The Play – Declarer counts 6 tricks and must find 4

Here's a common bidding theme that leads to a declarer play challenge. Are you up to the task?

The Bidding – When partner opens 1 of a major, jump to 4 of the major with 5 trumps and any singleton. Just do it! If partner has values, we make

more. LHO's double marks values. Assume missing ♣s. Playing this hand along cross ruff lines seems right. Note we are missing ♠973. First count your tricks. We have 5 ♠ Tricks and 1 ♦ trick. We do not have side winners to cash. If we can count the ♦A and three ♦ ruffs along with three ♥ ruffs we will have 2 high trumps left. The danger is if one opponent has all 3 missing trump cards. Start by **RUFFING** the ♥Q. We don't know where the ♥A is yet – no reason to sacrifice his majesty the K so early in the play. Play one high trump from hand noting the bad split. Lead the ♦A and ruff a ♦. We can afford to lose 2♣s and one trick in another suit. Play ♠10 from the

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♠ K Q 10
West on lead ♥ —
♦ 9
♣ J 6

dummy. We might get to ruff the 3rd round there. West wins the ♣Q and returns a ♦. Ruff small in dummy and play another ♣ to the K (hiding the ♣J). West wins the ♣A in ← this position. If West Leads the ♦K, ruff with the ♠J then draw trumps. You will lose a ♣ in the

end but make 10 tricks. If West returns a ♣, win in hand with the ♣J and ruff either a ♣ or a ♦ high in dummy, making 10 tricks. If West leads a ♥ play low in Dummy, ruff in your hand and play off the ♣J. Then ruff a ♣ or ♦ high in dummy then draw trump. Make 10 tricks.

Post Mortem – This is a tricky hand to envision. Many will play on pure cross-ruff lines missing the risk that an 0-3 trump break will set a makeable contract. Better to count losers and realize losing 2♣s is OK as long as we play to make 1 ♣ trick. We take 3♠ 1♣, 2♥ ruffs, 1♦ and 2♦ ruffs, and finally one high ruff in dummy (either a ♣ or ♦). Playing on a pure crossruff without establishing a ♣ trick will allow EW to win 2♣ and 2 trump tricks as declarer loses control in the end game. Try it yourself, then go to the next page to see the full effect. Have a plan B when trumps misbehave.

Board 14 ♠ 8 6
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South to lead ♠ A
 after cross ♥ —
 ruffing to ♦
 this point. ♣ K J 6 4

← South now has an insolvable problem. Playing a high trump leaves EW with 2 ♣ and 2 trump winners (♠ 97). Playing a low ♣ allows West to win with the ♣Q and punch declarer with the ♦K, promoting 2 trump tricks for partner. East pitches their losing ♣ on the ♦K complicating the hand further.

Better technique is to find out about the trump split early by playing one round. When ♠s split 0-3, think: **"I can make this hand if they win 2♣s and only one other trick. Let's try to set up the 3rd round of ♣s"**.

Don't be surprised on hands like these that defenders have a hard time defending accurately. These are the tough hands we all learn from! Notice that planning a cross ruff and attending to bad trump splits can avoid taking the road where declarer has no return!

- 1) When playing for a cross ruff, be sure to count your tricks and have a plan B if trumps do not behave.
- 2) Always cash the exact number of side winners you need to make your contract BEFORE cross ruffing.
 - a. One fewer and defenders will pitch away their losers in your winning suit so they can ruff in late in the hand.
 - b. One too many and defenders will ruff in and lead trumps. Greed can lead to disappointment.
 - c. Here it was important to work on ♣s before cross ruffing!

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

This Saturday Phyllis Bishop and Pat Hoffman will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. This week we look at a hand with tough bids for responder and harder play for declarer. Enjoy!

Board 15 ♠ 2
 South ♥ Q1094
 Deals ♦ AK62
 N-S Vul ♣ J1075

♠ J83	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10764
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♥ AJ53	♥ 2				
♦ Q7	♦ J10983				
♣ A932	♣ Q84				

♠ AKQ95
 NS 5♥; 3N; ♥ K876
 3♠; 3♣; 1♦ ♦ 54
 ♣ K6

Bidding – South has 15 HCP and 5 ♠s. Most open 1♠. West has an opening hand. What is their best bid? Pass, especially with 3 dead ♠s - you do not want to compete in this auction. North has 10 HCP and only 1♠. In Standard American this is a problem hand. Possible responder bids:

1NT: Shows 6-9. You have 10 HCP. South rebids 2♥ with their 5♠ -4♥ shape. With a ♥ fit North's hand is worth 12 points (10 HCP + 2 for the singleton). After partner's rebid, bid 4♥. If you invite with 3♥, partner bids 4♥ (max).

2♦: Shows 10+ HCP and 5 or more ♦. You only have 4 ♦s. You will rebid 2NT next. With 1=4=4=4 you bid this way. Partner rebids 2♥ & you bid 4♥.

Play of the Hand – South has 5 losers (1♠, 2♥, 2♣). Ruff a ♠ loser in dummy and finesse (guess) well in ♣s and ♥s - we eliminate 2 more losers. West has a tough opening lead. Leading ♠s or trump does not seem

right. If West leads the ♣A they develop South's ♣K. Leading ♦Q doesn't look any better. Assuming the worst possible lead (♦), you can win in dummy and play the ♥10 to finesse the ♥J. Playing the ♥10 is not only a finesse but it also preserves communication to the South hand. This loses and likely West will lead another ♦. Win the ♦ and then win the ♠A and ruff a ♠ in dummy just in case trump break badly. Play the ♥Q and you will see the 4-1 break we anticipated. That's OK. If you guess the ♣s correctly, you can still make the hand (draw trump and run ♠s). Life is easier if West started or switched to a ♣ earlier. This line play will get you 2♥ tricks, a ♠ ruff, 4 ♠s, 2 ♦s and a ♣ to make 4♥ for +620. If you guess both ♥ and ♣ wrong you are going down.

Post Mortem – This is the 2nd week in a row we show hand that can be bid many ways ending in the same contract. With many finesses from either hand, plan your play to preserve communication between hands.

Contract	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♥ xW	1100		6	0
4♥ S	620		3	3
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1NT N	150		0	6
	100		3	0
		100	2	1
		110	1	2
		140	0	3

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/>