

Newcomer News by Mike Purcell 513 702 4007

This coming Saturday (11/2) Bob Fisk and I will be running our Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. This week's hand shows us the power of 2/1 Game Force versus Standard American bidding when it applies to investigating slam possibilities.

Board 7 ♠ A 10 5 2 Tues 10/29

South ♥ A 7 5
Deals ♦ K J 8 5 2
Both Vul ♣ K

♠ 9 6 4 ♥ K J 9 8
♦ 6 3 ♣ Q J 6 4

N	♠ 3
E	♥ 10 6 3 2
S	♦ Q 10 7 4
W	♣ 9 7 5 3

NS 7♠; 5♦; ♠ K Q J 8 7
4N; 2♣; ♥ Q 4
S 6N; 6♦; 3♣; ♦ A 9
NS 2♥; ♣ A 10 8 2

Bidding – Standard American (No Conventions)

South with 16 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠. North has 15 HCP and 4 card support for partner. This hand with ♣K singleton and an extra trump is arguably worth 17 support points for spades. Do NOT jump to 4♠. A jump to 4♠ directly

shows a weak hand with 5 or more trump. Instead bid 2♦ (5+ diamonds, 10+ HCP) and look to jump to 4♠ later. After 2♦ by North, South knows there is enough points for game but maybe concerned about hearts for 3NT. Most will rebid 3♣. After this, North can rebid 4♠ as they planned all along. South will infer that North started with an opening hand and 3+ spades but slam is questionable and most will settle for game.

Bidding – 2/1 Game Force (No Conventions)

South with 16 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠. North has 15 HCP and 4 card support for partner. This hand with ♣K singleton and an extra trump is arguably worth 17 support points for spades. Like before do NOT jump to 4♠. Instead bid 2♦ showing 5+ diamonds, 12+ HCP and a game forcing hand. After 2♦ by North, South will rebid 3♣ to show their 5-4 pattern. North can now rebid 4♠ with a minimum opener or 3♣ with extra values. In this case 3♣ is the right call. This sequence shows a key advantage of 2/1 Game Force. Since we are already in a game forcing auction, we can use 3♣ as a stronger bid looking for slam knowing partner cannot pass below game. South now knows partner has 3+ spades and more than opening strength. Since South also has extra values they should push for slam. South will start cue bidding first round controls by bidding 4♣. North will bid 4♥. South should now ask for keycards (RKC or Blackwood). Regardless of which 4NT convention you use, you will find all the keycards and all but 1 king stopping in 6♠.


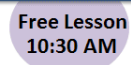
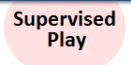
Play of the Hand – On ♣Q lead, South has 3 losers (1♥, 2♣). South can ruff two clubs in dummy to make 6♠.

10/29 – 99er Future Master Leaders

1st OA: James Hunkler & Lewis Temples (60.4%)
2nd OA: Darlene Young & Natalie Crowe (58.77%)
3rd OA: Sharon Koster & Robert Roark (58.75%)



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Mon 7 PM	Tue 11 AM	Tue 7 PM	Fri 11 AM	Sat 10-12 AM
				

Celebrations at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

Nov 24 Granovetters Grand Life Master Celebration

Join all 8 District 11 Grand Life Masters to celebrate both Matt and Pam achieving this pinnacle rank. Come meet the greats in the game. \$10 per person includes lunch 7 bridge. **1PM Sunday**

Nov 30 John Altman 2013 King of Bridge Game

Join us for a special game honoring Cincinnati's own John Altman, the ACBL 2013 King of Bridge. Take a break from holiday shopping and join us for the fun! **1 PM Saturday.**

Dec 11 Holiday Party

Wed. Eve. Drinks 6 PM, Food 6:30 PM, Game 7:15 PM. \$22 per person in advance. See directors or Diane Thaller and Melanie Onen. Details on the web.

Area Tournaments

Nov 4 – 10	Louisville KY	R
Nov 15-17	Dayton, OH	S
Dec 26-Jan1	Cincinnati OH	STaC
Jan 15-19	Independence OH	R
Jan 25-26	Lexington KY	D11 GNT Finals

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by Steve & Mike
Oct 2, 2013 Tues Eve
6:30 PM Sharp!

Making 7♠ requires either a heart opening lead from West or double dummy play.

Post Mortem – 2/1 Game Force can help you reach slam by allowing more bidding room below game level to explore possibilities.

Post Post Mortem – Some of our more experienced players will note other conventions like Splinter and Jacoby 2NT would also help us reach this 6♠ slam and can be played on a Standard American card. We will discuss these conventions and how they apply to this hand next time

Bd 7	NS	EW	Scores		MPs	
			NS	EW	NS	EW
6♠ S	1460		5	0		
6♠ S	1430		3.5	1.5		
6♠ S	1430		3.5	1.5		
4♠ S	680		1.5	3.5		
4♠ S	680		1.5	3.5		
6NTS	100	0	5			
6♠ S	1460		4.75	0.25		
4♠ S	680		1.75	3.25		
4♠ S	680		1.75	3.25		
4♠ S	680		1.75	3.25		