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Newcomer News – by Mike “Keeping Fun On

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Here is the schedule for the next few Supervised Bridge Saturdays:

Apr 5 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman
Apr 12 - Mike Purcell & Susan Wisner & Phyllis Bishop ← **NEW 2**
DUPLICATE Invite a friend!!!



Something’s Happening Here...

by Steve Moese Tue 4/1 - APRIL FOOLS Night!

There's something happening here
What it is ain't exactly clear
There's a man with a GRIN over there
Telling me I got to beware....
Adapted from “For What It’s Worth” by Buffalo Springfield

...So goes a favorite anthem from several generations ago. The Triple Witching combination of April Fools, Club Championship, and Potter Orr directing, led to some crazy happenings.

Board 7 ♠ A K J 10
South ♥ A K J 10
Deals ♦ A K Q
Both Vul ♣ A K

♠ Q 5 4 ♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 5 4 ♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 7 6 5 ♦ 10 9 8
♣ 8 7 6 5 ♣ 10 9

♠ 3 2
NS 7♠; 7♥; ♥ 3 2
7♦; 7♣; 6N ♦ J 4 3 2
♣ Q J 4 3 2

Here are 4 hands that will challenge all you know about our game.

After 2 passes what should North do with 32 HCP??? Most bidding systems will land in 6N. Some will open with 6N, counting 11 tricks and great potential for 12.

Science won’t help partner find with 3Q’s and 2J’s. East has the unlucky responsibility to lead. On a major suit lead (4th from longest & strongest anyone?) North gets

4/1 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Sue & Dave Sivertson (71.9%) **WOW!!!**
2nd QA: Steven Simon & Garen Wisner (63.2%)



Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let’s learn together!
Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7 PM	Tue 11 AM	Tue 7 PM	Fri 11 AM	Sat 10-12 AM
		Let's Talk BRIDGE 6:30 PM	Free Lesson 10:30 AM	Supervised Play



Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

- Friday 4/4 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM.
- **Wed Apr 9 FREE Member Appreciation Game.** 6:30 Snacks. 7 PM NLM & Open Games. Unit 124 Awards. Reservation Required: http://www.cincybridge.com/2014_Awards_Party.pdf



Area Tournaments

Unit 130 IN Prog Qual Sectional	Mar 31-Apr 6
Columbus OH Sectional	Apr 4-6
Dayton OH Sectional	Apr 11-13
Indianapolis, IN Sectional	May 2-4
Lexington, KY Sectional	May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional	May 24-25
ACBL Tournaments	http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php

Bd7	Scores	Mps	
		NS	EW
6 NTN	1440	3.00	0.00
3 NTN	690	2.00	1.00
6 NTN	100	0.50	2.50
6 NTN	100	0.50	2.50
6 NTN	1440	2.83	0.17
4 NTN	690	1.50	1.50
6 ♥ N	100	0.17	2.83

a free finesse. On a Minor suit lead, North relies on an end play. Say East leads the ♦10. North will cash 5 tricks in the minors (a partial elimination) then cast tops in one major. Which one is a guess. As the cards lie, West will be end played and forced to lead to dummy or give declarer with a major suit finesse. Try it yourself. Relay Systems (illegal in the ACBL) have the tools to define South’s shape as 2=2=4=5. All North needs for a grand slam is to ruff one trick in dummy. This means ♣QJxxx. Having ♦Jxxx is a bonus. 7♥ or ♠ make because both Qxx’s are on side and declarer can ruff the other major once, finesse in trumps, and count 13 tricks.

Don’t ask me how to bid these grand slams. I don’t know!

Board 15 ♠ A 10 9 7 4
 South Deals ♥ —
 N-S Vul ♦ A Q 9 3
 ♣ K 9 7 6

♠ K ♠ J 3
 ♥ AK987542 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ K 8 ♦ J 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 8 ♣ A 4 3 2

NS 6♣; 3♦;
 3♣; EW 3♥;

♠ Q 8 6 5 2
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ 10 7 5
 ♣ Q J 5

The fun was only beginning. On board 15 South will pass and West will open with 1♥ Some might choose to open West's hand with 4♥, or perhaps a conventional 4♣ bid showing 8 – 8.8 tricks. Some will decide West has too much defense for a 4♥ preempt. Over 1♥ North can overcall 1♠ with ease and East can raise to 2♥. South can now make a preemptive raise to 4♠ expecting partner to have 5 trumps or more, and some shortness. West will likely continue to 5♥ and North holding a useful void can easily bid 5♠. The auction might die there at many tables. If West decides to push to 6♥, North might press on with 6♠ and reap a very unexpected reward. East will likely lead a ♥. Declarer will ruff and cash the trump Ace with no convenient entry to dummy. When the ♠K shows itself, a second trump clears the way for a ♦ finesse. Good technique in the ♣ suit requires leading twice toward the ♣QJ. (West, not East is likely to be short in ♣s and the ♣A is more likely to be in the hand with more ♣s. Leading a ♣ honor is a mistake because the suit might just split 2=4 and they will then get 2 ♣ tricks). East will withhold the ♣A twice but by that time the ♣10 falls from West. Declarer simply drives out the ♣A and discards a ♦ loser on the established 4th ♣, losing only the ♣A. Pretty.

		Scores		MPs	
Bd 15		NS	EW	NS	EW
6♥ W	100			3	0
5♥ W	50			2	1
4♥ W		420		1	2
4♥ x W		590		0	3
4♥ W	50			2.5	0.5
4♥ W	50			2.5	0.5
4♥ W		420		1	2
5♥ W		450		0	3

Board 19 ♠ 7654
 South ♥ —
 Deals ♦ 765432
 E-W Vul ♣ 876

♠ — ♠ J109832
 ♥ 8765432 ♥ —
 ♦ AKQJ109 ♦ 8
 ♣ — ♣ 1095432

NS 4♣; 1N;
 S 3♣; N 2♣;
 EW 1♥;
 E 1♦

♠ AKQ
 ♥ AKQJ109
 ♦ —
 ♣ AKQJ

Talk about a nightmare hand. South will deal and likely open 7♥. West will double, and South might choose to redouble (as penalty not run out). South has exactly 6 tricks in any ♥ contract! Can you believe it? Who dreams these things up, anyway?

There's just no such thing as a zero-loser hand when distribution lurks.

Final thought – If North were to correct 7♥ to 7N, now East is under the gun. Any black suit lead lets 7N make! Yes, Darin and I own the -3400 😊.

		Scores		MPs	
Bd 19		NS	EW	NS	EW
2♦ x W	200			2.5	0.5
2♥ x W	200			2.5	0.5
7♥ S		350		1	2
7♥ xx S		3400		0	3
3♥ N		150		2.5	0.5
6♥ S		150		2.5	0.5
7♥ x S		300		1	2
7♥ S		350		0	3

Board 23 ♠ —
 South ♥ J10876
 Deals ♦ —
 Both Vul ♣ AKQ96542

♠ KJ106 ♠ A9753
 ♥ 4 ♥ K2
 ♦ QJ98754 ♦ AK1032
 ♣ 3 ♣ J

NS 7♥; 7♣;
 EW 4♣; 5♦

♠ Q842
 ♥ AQ953
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 1087

Here's a fourth mind teaser (as if Bridge isn't hard enough already). South and West rate to pass, but some Wests will make an undisciplined 3♦ opening bid. After 2 passes North can easily open 1♣. With a 5+ card major and a longer minor suit, open the minor. Here the ♥ suit is so weak, ♣s are more appealing. West will overcall 1♠ and South can Double to show ♥s. West will raise to 4!s with so much distribution and North can easily bid 5♥. Freely bidding to the 5-level is not about strength. It's about extreme distribution and shortness in their suit. With strong balanced hands we rate to do as well or better by doubling them. (East might bid to 6♣, especially if they know about a ♦ fit). North can take the push to 6♥. East will likely double expecting a rich reward (3 ½ Quick

Tricks). With the ♥ finesse working, 7♥ is possible on this hand.

		Scores		MPs	
Bd 23		NS	EW	NS	EW
6♥ x N	1860			3	0
5♥ N	710			1.5	1.5
5♥ N	710			1.5	1.5
5♦ W		600		0	3
5♥ S	680			3	0
5♣ N	640			2	1
4♦ W		130		1	2
5♦ W		600		0	3

I think it's time we stop, children, what's that sound
 Everybody look what's going down...

Thanks Potter, for a ton of
 extra fun on April Fools
 Night at the CBC!!!