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May 24-25
2014

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Coupla Slams by Steve Moese 5/13

Board 13 ♠ KQ83
North ♥ A97
Deals ♦ QJ104
Both Vul ♣ KQ

♠ 1042	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ J76
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ Q8654	♥ J102					
♦ 76	♦ 853					
♣ 1072	♣ A963					

♠ A95
♥ K3
♦ AK92
♣ J854

NS 6N; 6♣;
6♦; 5♠; 3♥

Tuesday Evening was filled with slam hands.

Bidding - North opens 1N (15-17) and South with 15 Prime points uses Gerber to ask Aces, then invites 6N. Note that 4N by responder would be to play after the Gerber 1 Ace response – it is not longer quantitative. Why?

Your side might be off 2 aces. Also note 5N invites only 6 here. With 20 HCP opposite 15-17, responder bids 5N immediately to invite 7N (5N cannot be passed!).

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1N	P	4♣	P
4♥	P	5N	P
6N	AP		

Opening lead: ♥5.

Plan the play: Declarer has 9 tricks. Chances for 12 tricks depend on one of two good things happening: 1) ♠s offer 4 tricks or 2) ♣ offer 3 tricks.

The Play – Play 2 rounds of ♣s. when the ♣ A109 remain out, abandon the suit and play on ♠. You have to play to J or 10 singleton in either hand, J10 doubleton in either hand or 3-3 ♠s. With the 3-3 split, 12 tricks come home. **Post Mortem:** Always look for the opportunities to add tricks to your total, and try them in logical order.



Freak hands can be difficult to bid. **Board 16** offered a special challenge. Here are 3 ways to bid it:

5/13 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Karen Kalla & Richard Horvitz (75.8%) **WOW!!**
2nd OA: J Thomas & Carol Markham (61.1%)



Future Masters
Let's Talk BRIDGE

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 5/16 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:30 AM. Phyllis Bishop: Forcing/Nonforcing Bids
- Swiss Teams** Join the fun! **Thursday Evenings in May are SWISS TEAM games** – Practice for the Flying Pig and the NLM Sectional!!
- May CBA Flyer** –CBC, NKy, and Anderson offer Charity games & Club Championships with EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!

Area Tournaments

Lexington, KY Sectional	May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional	May 24-25
Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional	June 2-8
ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php	

- 2♣ - 4-loser. Bid ♦ or RKB
- 4N – Blackwood.
- 1♦ - hope partner bids (not the best choice).

North asks Aces/Keys then Kings. If South shows one A & K, 7NT is easy. With a 9-card minor headed by the AK, odds are the suit will run. The remaining 4 cards are likely split 1 1/3 each among the other 3 players.

Board 16 ♠ 3
West ♥ A10
Deals ♦ AK10865432
E-W Vul ♣ A

♠ 8642	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ KJ75
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ QJ65	♥ 9843					
♦ –	♦ QJ					
♣ KJ754	♣ 1063					

♠ AQ109
♥ K72
♦ 97
♣ Q982

NS 7N; 7♦;
2♠; 1♥; 1♣

Think NT with a running minor playing Match Point Pairs. Think safety when playing IMP Teams (♦s as trumps). Getting to 7N was top score. 6N got you 70% of the MPs. Getting to any slam in the 149ers game was a top result. North has only 2 losers to eliminate. I like opening 4N Blackwood with this hand. 5♦ (1) will get 5N (Kings ask – then 7N when South shows 1). 5♣(0) gets 6♦. Count partner for 1 trick. Nice!

Newcomer News — by Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007

The Non-Life Master Sectional is just one week away May 24-25. Saturday May 24th there will be a 10am pair game (0-50 and 0-500 masterpoint sections) with expert review of the hands after the game. Start making your plans now to be a part of this special event!



The 2nd Annual Pigasus Seminar is Sunday June 1, 2014 at 1PM at the CBC. Adam Parrish will talk on Cue Bids and Doubles. Adam is a young Bridge Professional with ties to Cincinnati. His Seminar last year drew 28 players who raved about their experience. \$30/person. Contact Adam at adamparrish2@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

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

May 17 – Lorna Davis and Bob Fisk

May 24 – SPECIAL 0-50 MP game at the club, **NO Supervised Play Session.**

May 31 – Bob Fisk and Potter Orr

June 7 – NO GAME, Cincy Regional

Note there is **NO Supervised Play Session June 7th** due to our Regional Bridge Tournament at the Sharonville Convention Center. For more info on this week long event, see our website at:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/CincinnatiFlyingPigHomePage.html>

Tuesday 5/13 Good Technique by Steve Moese

Board 10 ♠ 32

East Deals ♥ AJ107

Both Vul ♦ KQJ4

♣ A96

♠ 107

♥ Q52

♦ A1082

♣ 7542

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AQ9854

♥ 94

♦ 73

♣ J83

♠ KJ6

♥ K863

♦ 965

♣ KQ10

NS 5N; 5♥;

5♦; 4♣; 2♠

Bidding – East has a classic Weak 2♠

opening bid. South’s shape makes passing better than bidding with 12 HCP. Besides, partner has a chance to

bid. North, with 15 HCP and 3 suits to support, makes a text book

takeout double. South now has a choice – which strain and how high. With 3=4=3=3 shape, we can’t fault 3N. Our South jumps to 4♥, ending the auction.

Opening Lead - ♠10, no surprise.

Play of the Hand – Count top winners: 1♠, 2♥, and 3♣. We have to develop 4 more tricks. ♥ offer a 2-way finesse (you can finesse either West or East) for the ♥Q. We have 1 maybe 2 ♠ tricks

(even without the lead, the 2♠ bid marks the finesse).

East wins the ♠A and continues a low ♠. When the ♠J holds, we can now go after the ♥Q. Since

we know East holds 6 ♠ cards, there is more space in West’s hand for the ♥Q – we finesse ♥

immediately. When the ♥J holds, we return to hand with the ♥K noting the 3-2 split. (If ♥ were 4-1 with West we can now pick up the suit with no losers). When ♥s split, we can lead a small ♦ toward dummy. This forces West to duck the ♦A (if not we get 3♦ tricks!). In dummy we draw the last trump and play a Small ♣ to hand and repeat the ♦ play. West ducks again. We continue with another small ♣ to hand and the 3rd and final ♦ toward Dummy’s ♦J4. We guarantee 3 ♦ tricks by working our hand entries to lead toward ♦ strength 3 times. Notice if we instead lead a top ♦ from dummy, West wins the ♦A and the ♦10 might eventually be a trick. (Yes, we pitch the slow ♦ loser on the ♠K).

Post Mortem – Holding only 7 cards in a suit, a 4-2 split is 33% more likely than a 3-3 split. Good technique means leading low toward strength to avoid creating a loser when they spit 4-2. Force the opponents to play their high card on “air”. ♦965 - ♦KQJ4 above informs how to play, say, ♦A32 - ♦QJ56 ←cash the ♦A and lead small toward the ♦QJ. Repeat if the ♦Q wins. That way you will have the best chance to win 3 tricks from this combination.

E	S	W	N
2♠	P	P	Dbl
P	4♥	AP	

Bd 10	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3 NT S	660		4.9	0.1
4 ♥ S	650		3.1	1.9
4 ♥ S	650		3.1	1.9
3 NT S	630		1.3	3
4 ♥ N	620		0.1	4.9
4 ♥ N	650		6	0
3 NT S	630		5	1
4 ♥ S	620		3	3
4 ♥ N	620		3	3
4 ♥ N	620		3	3
3 ♥ S	170		1	5
3 ♦ N	130		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/>