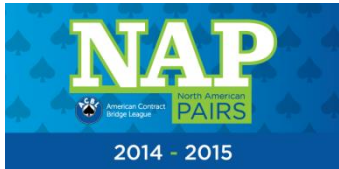


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Last Decision By Steve Moese Tuesday Eve 8/12

Board 13	♠ 8652		
North	♥ A		
Deals	♦ AKQ763		
Both Vul	♣ K6		
♠ AQ		♠ K7	
♥ K1076		♥ Q9832	
♦ 4		♦ 1085	
♣ 1097542		♣ AJ3	
	♠ J10943		
EW 4♥; 3♣;	♥ J54		
NS 3♠; 4♦; 1N	♦ J92		
	♣ Q8		

N	E	S	W
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♠	P	P	4♥

1♠ shows 5 ♠ cards and 6+ HCP. 2♦ is a Limit Raise or better. West competes to 4♥ leaving North the final decision. In 4♠, West must lead a ♦ to get a ruff. If EW fail to get their 3rd trump, NS make 10 tricks and

game. If North passes 4♥, EW have a clear path to 10 tricks, depending on favorable ♣s. Split honors is a 75% probability. Add to that the chance KQ(xx) is on side makes the game 88% or so. The fact that EW have only 19 HCP is irrelevant. Shape and honor location drives this hand. West knows there are at least 9 cards in EW ♥ fit and 9 cards in NS ♠ fit (overall + free raise to the 3-level). The Law of Total Tricks says The number of tricks available to both sides in their best fit is equal to the total number of trumps in their best suits. With 18 trumps (9♥+9♠), if they can make 10 Tricks we can make 8. If we can make 10 tricks they can make 8. This "Law" is an approximation (± 1 or 2 tricks, worse as distributions become wilder). 4♥ puts pressure on NS to make the "last decision".

Cuebid to STOP By Steve Moese Tue Eve 8/12

Many pairs rush toward slam. Some ask for aces when the answer won't tell you what you need to know (you hold a xx suit or a void). Some have great hands and bid slam, hoping partner has a filling card or defenders get sloppy. Cuebidding and Ace asking keep us OUT of slam when we are missing two or more fast tricks.

8/12 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Al & Janet Venosa** (58.1%)

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West opens 1♠ on 11 HCP and 7 losers. East senses slam. Over 3♥, 4♣ shows slam interest and a control. West's 4♥ shows no controls in ♦. Stop in 4♥. **Good Brakes!** *[Among experts, 4♦ by West is a generic cue bid (called Last Train, saying nothing about ♦) showing slam interest but not wanting to bid past game. West is too weak for that bid too. Note Last Train solves no problems for West who now must find the ♦ stopper].*

Board 24 ♠ Q1076

West ♥ Q7

Deals ♦ J43

None Vul ♣ Q973

♠ AKJ43

♥ 8652

♦ 82

♣ K4

EW 5♥; 3♠;

1♦; E 4N;

W 3N;

NS 1♠

N	E
♠ 8	♥ AKJ1094
♥ Q7	♦ Q765
♦ J43	♣ A2

♠ 952

♥ 3

♦ AK109

♣ J10865

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	2♥	P
3♥	P	4♣	P
4♥	P	?	

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

NO Supervised Play Sat August 16 – The CBC is CLOSED. We are not running a game due to the NKY sectional bridge tournament running that weekend. We will resume next Sat (8/23).

This week we look at a hand where a having a 5 card suit should not dissuade you from opening 1NT.

Board 14 ♠ A2
 East Deals ♥ 9
 None Vul ♦ K8642
 ♣ QJ974

♠ J84 ♠ KQ6
 ♥ A1086432 ♥ QJ
 ♦ 97 ♦ AQ5
 ♣ 2 ♣ K10853

EW 5♥; 4N; 2♠;
 1♣; NS 1♦

♠ 109753
 ♥ K75
 ♦ J103
 ♣ A6

Board 14 (Saturday Morning STAC 8/9)

Bidding – East has 17 HCP and a balanced hand with five clubs. 1NT (15-17 balanced) is your best call and most accurately represents your hand. Do not be tempted to open 1♣. Bidding 1♣ will force you to rebid 1NT or 2♣ on most auctions. That is too weak a sequence for your hand. After East opens 1NT West knows there is a heart fit and can immediately count distribution for 9 total support points (5 HCP, 2 for the singleton, 1 for the doubleton, 1 more for the extra trump). Some West players will upgrade this hand further to 10 points and transfer partner into game at 4♥. Others will invite game by transferring partner to 2♥ and rebidding 3♥. If invited, East should push to game with their 17 HCP maximum as partner promises a 6-card suit (otherwise West would rebid 2NT).

Play of the Hand – On a ♠10 Lead (top of a sequence), declarer (East) has 4 losers (1♠, 1♥, 1♦, 1♣). Assuming North wins their ace and returns a spade, win the second spade in your hand and finesse for the ♥K. Once trump is drawn finesse clubs first for the ♣A (losing) and then diamonds for the ♦K (winning). We do clubs first because if this finesse loses we still only lose the ♣A but if it works we can pitch a diamond from dummy on the ♣K and never need to finesse diamonds. On this line of play you lose only the ♣A and ♠A for 11 tricks and +450.

Post Mortem – Having a five card suit, especially a minor, does not mean you cannot open 1NT as long as you are reasonably balanced. When you have a distributional hand like West has on this deal, do not be afraid to bid on your HCP and distributional points to reach your best contract.

	Contract Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3♥ E	200	6.5	1.5	
3♥ W	200	6.5	1.5	
3♥ E	200	6.5	1.5	
3♥ W	200	6.5	1.5	
4♥ E	450	2	6	
4♥ E	450	2	6	
4♥ E	450	2	6	
4♥ E	450	2	6	
4♥ W	450	2	6	
3♠ S	50	3	0	
3♥ W	170	2	1	
2♥ E	200	1	2	
4♥ W	450	0	3	

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