

3/3 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Sue Ellen Thesing & Liz Lin**

(63%, 0.84 MP)

2nd OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones**

(53%, 0.59 MP)

3rd OA: **Charlie Kobida & Ann Blomberg**

(51%, 0.42 MP)



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM 149er

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat 10AM Supervised Play – 3/7 Lorna Davis, Judy

Ruehl and Mike Purcell will run the game in the

teaching room. **Note all players capable of playing in the 10AM STAC game are encouraged to do so.**

Area Tournaments

[District 11 Spring STAC - March 2-8](#)

[Spring Nationals in New Orleans March 12-22](#)

New to Bridge (NTB) – Sat April 18th

Spring cannot get here soon enough and with it our Spring New to Bridge (NTB) event Saturday April 18th from 9 to 12 at the Cincinnati Bridge Club (CBC). This event will teach the most basic bridge concepts with hands on play. Attendees can then continue on with beginner lessons complemented with Informal Supervised Play Saturday mornings 10-noon. Attendees can register for this free event by contacting me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com or by phone at 513-702-4007. If you have a friend interested in bridge, this is a great event for them!!!

Hand of the Week

This week features a hand from Tues night where the minors finally win out over the majors:

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 10 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 10 7 6

♦ —

♣ A 5

♠ —

♥ J 8 3

♦ A Q J 10 8 7

♣ K J 4 2



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♦ K 6 2

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♥ 5

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EW 6♦; EW 4N; NS 2♠; W 2♥; EW 2♣; E 1♥;
Par -1100: NS 6♠x-4

Bidding – West with 12 HCP and 6 diamonds opens 1♦ (12+ HCP, 3+ diamonds). North has 6 spades, 5 hearts and 11 HCP. Many in the open game will make a Michael's Cuebid ([Ctrl+Click for more info](#)), in this case 2♦ (typically 5-5 in the Majors, less or greater than opening strength) to show this hand. East has 14 HCP and both majors stopped. Their best bid is 3NT. South has a very weak hand with support for partner's spades and shortness in hearts. With game likely for the opponent's, South should consider a 4♣ call if they believe they can keep from going down doubled 2 tricks (-500) or less. This is what happened at our table. Most West's after a 4♣ bid will go to a 5♦ game.

Play of the Hand – On a ♥K lead declarer (West) has 6 losers (2♥, 4♣) but can pitch two losers on spades in dummy and can ruff clubs in dummy. Win the ♥A and immediate cash two spades pitching away your heart losers. Now play on clubs finessing the ♣Q in South. North will win the ♣A but on any return you can finesse clubs again, ruff a club in dummy and

then draw trumps to win the remaining tricks. On this line of play you will win 12 tricks total or +620.

Post Mortem – Note on this deal using Michael’s Cuebid will make it more likely N-S will compete to 4♠ keeping opponent’s out of 3NT which scores 10 tricks for +630 and a better result than the diamond game.

Post Mortem II – Many East’s will be tempted to double a 4♠ contract and understandably so. West however has a very poor hand for defense and should insist on a game in diamonds with their long suit and distributional values.

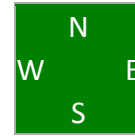
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Contract	By	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 ♠x	S	4	930		4.00	0.00
4 ♦	W	4		130	3.00	1.00
4 ♠x	N	-2		500	2.00	2.00
5 ♦	W	6		620	1.00	3.00
5 ♦x	W	5		750	0.00	4.00
4 ♥x	E	-4	1100		3.00	0.00
3 ♦	W	6		170	1.50	1.50
4 ♦	W	6		170	1.50	1.50
4 ♠x	N	-1		200	0.00	3.00