

### 3/31 – Future Master Leaders

1/2 OA: **Terry Raulin & Bob Rosenberger**  
(60%, 0.31 MP)

1/2 OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones**  
(60%, 0.31 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OB: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla**  
(55%, 0.17 MP)



### 3/27 – Fri NLM Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Judy Barron & Sara Brown**  
(67%, 1.75 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein**  
(62%, 1.31 MP)

3<sup>rd</sup> OA: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**  
(58%, 0.98 MP)

4<sup>th</sup> OA: **Katherine Meyer & P Wintzinger**  
(53%, 0.74 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 – 4/4 Lorna Davis, Bob Fisk,  
Pam Campbell and Tony Habash will run the game.

### Area Tournaments and Special Events

[CBA Awards Party – Wed April 8](#)

[New to Bridge \(N2B\) - Sat April 18](#)

### Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday hand where getting to slam is critical to getting a good result:

#### Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 10 9 3

♥ 6

♦ A K Q 4 3

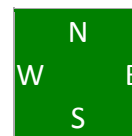
♣ K 6

♠ J 7

♥ A 8 7 4 3 2

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 7



♠ 8 6 5

♥ J 9 5

♦ J 8 7 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ A 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ 10 6

♣ A Q 10 4 3

NS 6N; NS 6♠; NS 5♦; NS 5♣; NS 3♥; Par +1440

**Standard American Bidding** – West has 6 hearts but they are also vulnerable. We like to have 2 of the top three honors to preempt when we are vulnerable so in this case pass is best. North with 17 HCP with 5 spades and 5 diamonds opens 1♠ (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). South has 16 support points (15 HCP plus 1 more for the diamond doubleton) and spade support. We can show this hand by bidding 2♣ (10+ HCP, 5+ clubs, forcing) now and then raise to 4♠ later. After 2♣ from South, North should jump to 3♦ to show their diamond suit and extra values (15-21, 4+ diamonds, game forcing). If a 3♠ is forcing showing extras after North's 3♦ call, South should bid 3♠ to allow for cuebidding controls. If not then 4♠ is best. North's hand is worth at least 20 support points in spades (17 HCP, 2 for the singleton, 1 for the doubleton). In reality your diamond suit to the AKQ will often play stronger than that. With partner showing extras too, looking for slam is right. Whether you play Blackwood or Roman Key Card, all roads lead to 6♠.

**2/1 Bidding** – North opens 1♠ and South bids 2♣ as before. Since 2♣ is game forcing, North can bid 2♦ and South can show spade support with a 2♠ bid. At this point North with 20+ support point and knowing partner with at least 12 support points will investigate slam. Cuebidding takes place after this and likely it will be North bidding Blackwood or Roman Key Card to get to 6♠.

**If West opens a weak 2♥** – North can still overcall 2♠ which South can cuebid hearts (4♥) showing a hand with slam interest in spades. If you do not have this agreement, South bidding 4♠ directly is ok too. North's hand is so strong, they should ask for aces (or keycards) as before in either case.

**Play of the Hand** – On a heart lead declarer (North) has 12 tricks (5♠, 1♥, 3♦, 3♣) after opponents take their ace for +1430.

**Post Mortem** – In complex auctions like this one knowing what is forcing and non-forcing is critical to getting to the right contract, especially in Standard American bidding. North's hand with two great suits and only 3 losers is one you want to be aggressive with. More often than not you will be rewarded.

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♥ 6			
♦ A K Q 4 3			
♣ K 6			
♠ J 7			♠ 8 6 5
♥ A 8 7 4 3 2			♥ J 9 5
♦ 9			♦ J 8 7 5 2
♣ J 9 8 7			♣ 5 2

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

NS 6N; NS 6♠; NS 5♦; NS 5♣; NS 3♥; Par +1440

Contract	By	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♠	N		6	1430	2.63	1.38
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6♠	N		6	1430	2.63	1.38
3 NT	S		7	720	0.13	3.88
7♠	N		7	2210	2.00	0.00
5♠	N		6	680	1.00	1.00
5♦	N		-1		0.00	2.00