

4/28 – Future Master Leaders

2nd OA: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**

(58%, 1.05 MP)

3rd OA: **Susan Stacy Vanstone & Reeta Brendamour**

(56%, 0.75 MP)

3rd OB: **Gail Zimmer & Mark Mitchell**

(53%, 0.32 MP)



4/24 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA N/S: **Joanne Oppelt & Patt Olexsey**

(62%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Joanne Earls & Judith Lubow**

(51%, 0.28 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**

(54%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Jeanne Bossart & Sharon Wright**

(52%, 0.28 MP)

2nd OB E/W: **Sandra Fielman & Barbara Luker**

(49%, 0.15 MP)

2nd OB E/W: **Leonard Kanterman & Beth Wales**

(49%, 0.15 MP)



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM 149er

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat Supervised Play – 9:30 Seminar on Suit Contracts -
Counting Losers by Mike Purcell

CBA Mentoring Program

The CBC mentoring program matches up more experienced players (mentors) to help newer advancing players (mentees) to improve their Bridge game over the summer. Opening night is Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. For more info or to sign up, go to the CBA website at:

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

Sat Supervised Play – Play of the Hand Series

This Saturday at 9:30 we continue the Play of the Hand Seminar Series with a talk on Suit Contracts - Counting Losers by Mike Purcell. You can view the

entire series with materials on the CBA website at http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/Newcomers_Bridge.html

ACBL New Member Promo

For folks that want to become ACBL members, we are offering a special promotion of 5 free Sat morning plays and 1 free duplicate game play when you join the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). Dues for new members to the ACBL are \$29 and you can sign up before Sat Informal Supervised Play.

Hand of the Week

This week features a Friday hand where valuing up a long running suit is key to reaching slam.

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ –

♥ A K Q J 10 8 7

♦ 8 7 2

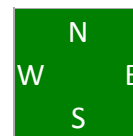
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♥ 6

♦ K 6 4 3

♣ Q J 9



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♠ A 10 6 4 2

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NS 6♥; NS 5N; NS 5♣; NS 1♠; NS 1♦; Par +980

Bidding – North has 14 HCP and 7 running hearts. With 8 quick tricks (7♥, 1♣) we are actually very close to a strong 2♣ opener (22+ HCP or 8.5 quick tricks). Not quite good enough for 2♣ so North opens 1♥ (12-21 HCP, 5+ hearts) and will look to jump raise to 3♥ later. South has 12 HCP and should be thinking of getting to game. Their response is 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). North has a spade void rebids 3♥ (18-21, 6+ hearts) as planned. South now knows there is a heart fit, roughly 30-33 points (or equivalent) and a possible slam when they add their points to partner's hand. If you play 1430 Roman Keycard Blackwood, you are likely to bid 4NT to see if partner has the

missing aces and the ♥K. North will respond 5♦ (0 or 3) and South with all the key cards will place the contract at 6♥. If you play Blackwood, you will be less likely to try for slam since you cannot place the ♥K settling for 4♥ instead.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a ♦5 lead (fourth best), Declarer (North) has 3 losers (2♦, 1♣). Declarer can ruff a diamond and pitch a club loser on the ♠A in dummy to make 12 tricks for +980.

If you get a trump lead – a trump lead eliminates the possibility to ruff diamonds if the opponents continue trump after winning the second diamond. In this case the only play to make is to hope for a 3-3 club break so you can pitch your two diamond losers on the ♠A and the fourth club. Best play here is to draw trump and exit a low club. Even if opponents win the club and switch to a diamond you can win the ♦A, run clubs and cash the ♠A to make your contract.

Post Mortem – When you have a big hand like North on this deal, you need to jump rebid to show strength to partner. If you play Roman Keycard Blackwood (regular or 1430) you will feel better about exploring for slam when it is close than if you play Blackwood because you can confirm the king of trump for your side.

Post Mortem II – Even if you did not bid slam making the 12 tricks (+480) gives you a much better score than settling for 11 tricks (+450). Overtricks in matchpoint scoring are often critical in getting a good result. On this deal +480 gets you a top board in the NLM game.

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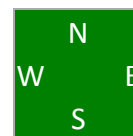
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Contract		Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥	N 6	980		10.33	1.67
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3NT	N 6	490		7.63	4.38
4♥	N 6	480		4.92	7.08
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4♥	N 5	450		1.13	10.88
4♥	N 5	450		1.13	10.88
4♥	N 5	450		1.13	10.88
5♥	N 6	480		4.00	0.00
4♥	N 5	450		1.50	2.50
4♥	N 5	450		1.50	2.50
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