

Future Master Leaders

6/26 – NLM NAPQ Game

1st OA: **Patrick Lammers & Jan Polk**

(66.5%, 1.50 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

2nd OA: **Janet Hanses & Pamela Kennedy**

(64.0%, 1.13 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

3rd OA: **Reeta Brendamour & Annette Keriakes**

(54.0%, 0.84 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

4th OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster**

(51.5%, 0.63 MP ½ Red/½Black.)



6/30 – NLM Game (9 Tables)

1st NS: **Terry Raulin & Jim Tewel**

(57.7%, 0.72 MP)

2nd NS: **Susan Vanstone & Martin Gibler**

(56.9%, 0.50 MP)

1st EW: **Pam Campbell & Robert Campbell**

(63.7%, 0.72 MP)

2nd EW: **Karen Kalla & Richard Horvitz**

(56%, 0.50 MP)



Be sure to check for North American Pair Qualifier Games. Extra red/Black Points. For more about the North American Pairs (NAP) go to:

http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

Upcoming Events

[July 6-12 STaC District 11](#)

[July 25-26 NLM Sectional Lexington KY](#)

[July 31 – Aug 2 Summer Getaway Sectional Hebron KY](#)

CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7PM < 2500

Tue 7PM NLM

Wed 11AM NLM/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-20/NLM + Lecture

Sat 9:30 AM Lecture/Supervised Play

Tuesday Night NLM Section Underway !!!

Let's get more of our friends to join us! Contact Tom Mess (tmess7023@gmail.com) and Lou Temples (lew@powderalloy.com) with any questions. Don't forget Let's Talk Bridge! at 6:30 PM.

10:30 Friday 2/1 Game Force Series

Phyllis Bishop's 10:30 2/1 seminar series continues:

July 3: New Minor Forcing

July 10: 4th Suit Forcing

NO Saturday Supervised Play July 4 (Holiday) & July 11 (STaC). Saturday Supervised Play resumes July 18, 2015.

Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC):

SILVER points at the CBC! Featured NLM games are:

CBC	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12
10:00A	O	NLM	NLM	NLM	NLM	NLM	Swiss
2:30P	NLM	O	O	O	O	O	Teams
7:00P	NLM	NLM		O			

NLM=NLM & Open. O=Open Only. NLM attendance permitting

Swiss Teams are Stratified – Form a Team and play to win your strata! NLMs are welcome on Sunday!

Learn to Play Bridge Software (Free)

PCs only - Not for Apple computers).

Basics: <http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb1setup.exe>

Beyond: <http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe>

Click to see the [Newcomers Bridge Series](#)

Hand of the Week Steve Moese

A Slam No One Wants to Bid.

You are South – Everyone is Vulnerable. Here is our hand. We are playing 2/1 Game Force.

Here is the bidding:

♠ QJ1084
♥ 2
♦ QJ
♣ KQ1092

	N	E	S	W
1♦	P	1♠	P	
2♥	P	3♣	P	
4♣	P	4♦	P	
4♥	P	5♣	P	
5♦	P	5♥	P	
5♠	P	??		

Partner's 2♥ bid is a Reverse, 18-21 HCP and forcing to game. Our 3♣ is natural and shows values. 4♣ sets trumps. We take advantage of the remaining space to show partner side suit controls. We do this because we need to know if

the opponents can cash two quick winners either in one suit or in separate suits. If they can, we stop at game. If we can't we investigate whether to bid 6 or 7. Partner Shows ♥ control and you sign off in 5♣ with nothing more to say.

What is partner's 5♦ bid? Some might think this is a late attempt to correct to ♦s. Nothing can be farther from the truth. **Once we agree to a suit and begin**

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control bidding, other suit bids are control bids and not attempts to play.

So what does partner want from us? Certainly 5♦ forces us to 6♣. Is that all there is? Should we cooperate? It costs us nothing to show 2nd round

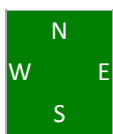
control in ♥ by bidding 5♥. When we do, partner returns 5♠!! Partner must be thinking Grand Slam. Do we have enough? Our combined 2 hands can have at most (11 + 21 =) 32 HCP. So, there is enough space for us to be missing 2 cashable Aces. Is that likely? Definitely NOT. Why not?

When partner continues to control bid after we sign off, partner tells us that unmentioned controls are accounted for in their hand. Here we should have high confidence that partner has the ♣A and ♦A. We expect partner to be 1=4=5=3 or perhaps 1=4=4=4 (♠=♥=♦=♣). The 5♠ control bid is either the ♠A or a void. Partner's bidding is consistent with 0=4=6=3 or 0=4=5=4.

Since we cannot know about the ♦K, it seems prudent to bid only 6♣. There's an old adage about bidding Grand Slams – **bid a Grand Slam only when you can count 14 tricks.** That's right – Unless you know our side has 37 or more HCP and a source of tricks, or can count to 13 tricks with extra confidence, a small slam is enough.

Board 13

♠ –
North ♥ AK83
Deals ♦ AK10654
Both Vul ♣ A43
♠ K95
♥ QJ1095
♦ 732
♣ 75



♠ A7632
♥ 764
♦ 98
♣ J86

←Here's the whole hand. Partner has 18 HCP and 4 losers. We can add 1 support points for long ♦. North has a trick taking powerhouse.

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♥ 2
♦ QJ
♣ KQ1092

South offers both fitting honors in ♣ and ♦, but also shortness in ♥.

Notice how the ♠ void and the ♥ Singleton COMBINE

to eliminate any losers in these suits (This is called complimentary shortness – keep this in mind when bidding suit contracts). Notice as well that North, not South, is better placed to count 13 tricks: 6♦ tricks (Assuming 4♦ shows the Q), 5♣ Tricks and 2♥ tricks. However the ♦ suit trick count is far from certain – we don't have a bid to show the ♦J!

The Play

West leads the ♥Q.

There is a small concern that trumps might be 4-1. While the ♥ lead eliminated on entry to dummy North, the best play is to win the ♥A, play a ♣ to the ♣Q, a ♣ back to the ♣A, and if all is well draw trumps – this way you will pick up trumps without a loss when East holds 4 of them. If East does indeed hold 4 ♣s, we need ♦ to split no worse than 4-1, a 90+% chance.

Post Mortem

If we continue to rely on HCP when bidding suit contracts we will be missing many game and slam bonuses. **During control bidding we switch from thinking HCP to thinking TRICKS – HOW MANY TRICKS DO WE HAVE!!**

North visualizes cover cards in ♦ and ♣, but neither could exchange enough information to guarantee 13 tricks.

Notice that bidding and making slam took all the marbles on this hand. (If you think about bidding 6N, come play at my table, please! 3N making 7 means ♠ were never led). North's hand has too much offensive strength to settle for 3N.

Contract	Score		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT N 7	720		5.00	2.00
3 NT S 7	720		5.00	2.00
3 NT N 7	720		5.00	2.00
3 NT S 7	720		5.00	2.00
3 NT S 7	720		5.00	2.00
3 NT N 6	690		2.00	5.00
5♦ N 5	600		1.00	6.00
4♦ N 7	190		0.00	7.00
6♣ N 7	1390		2.00	0.00
3 NT N 7	720		0.50	1.50
3 NT S 7	720		0.50	1.50

[Mike Purcell will return to the Future Master Newsletter in July. Meanwhile Steve Moese will continue filling in for him.](#)