

## Future Master Leaders

### 7/3 – NLM NAPQ Game

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Patrick Lammers & Janet Hansen**

(65.0%, 1.69 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Kateherine Meyer & P Wintzinger**

(58.8%, 1.27 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

3<sup>rd</sup> OA: **Reeta Brendamour & Annette Keriakes**

(57.1%, 1.28 MP ½ Red/½Black.)

4<sup>th</sup> OA: **Sara Brown & Judy Barron**

(55.8%, 1.05 MP ½ Red/½Black.)



### 7/7 – NLM STaC Game (9 Tables)

1<sup>st</sup> NS: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**

(55.3%, 0.80 SILVER MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> NS: **David Elliot & Carla Runda**

(55.4%, 0.56 SILVER MP)

1<sup>st</sup> EW: **Alex Grimm & Patrick Lammers**

(69.2%, 0.80 SILVER MP)

2nd EW: **Evelyn McCarthy & Partner**

(52.5%, 0.56 SILVER 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](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](#)

**NO Saturday Supervised Play**

**July 11 (STaC) & August 1 (NKy Sectional).**

**Saturday Supervised Play resumes July 18.**

Link to Volunteers & Topics:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/Saturday-Supervised-Play-Schedule.html>

## Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC):

SILVER points at the CBC! Remaining games:

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

## CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7 PM < 2500

Tue 7 PM NLM

Wed 11 AM NLM/Homestyle

Fri 11 AM 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](mailto:tmess7023@gmail.com)) and Lou Temples ([lew@powderalloy.com](mailto: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 10: 4th Suit Forcing

## 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

### Winning the Battle of the Partials

Any idea how often we play slams, games or partials? Larry Cohen published an analysis of 1 Million bridge hands. As you can see we play fewer partials than games! Winning the contest for partials is an important element in all forms of scoring.

3NT	18.1%
4♥/♠	24.9
5-level	8.6
Small	5.7
Grand	0.5
SubTot	57.8%
Partials	42.2%

You are North – East Deals and EW are Vulnerable.

Your hand:

NORTH
♠ Q1097
♥ Q862
♦ Q3
♣ J62

**Bidding** - Partner's initial pass limits them to 11-12 HCP. West's 1<sup>st</sup> pass suggests playing 1♣X. Why does North bid 1♠

N	E	S	W
	P	P	1♣
	P	P	Dbf P
1♠!	P	P	2♣
2♥	P	2♠	AP

instead of 1♥? Don't we bid up the line with both 4-card majors? Look what happened here – West rebid 2♣. If we'd bid 1♥ first, we'd have to bid 2♠ to show

our second suit. Bidding 1♠ with about 6-7 HCP gets both major suits in and keeps the auction at the 2-Level. If North were a little stronger (add the ♣Q for example), then a 2♣ cue bid would be best! GAME FORCING you think? Not at all. A cue bid here is forcing until a fit is found, and implies interest in both majors. With A GF hand (12 + SPs) advancer will keep bidding – you will know the difference!

BTW, North knows partner has support for the 3 unbid suits. How? With a balanced shape unsuitable for a balancing double, partner would bid 1NT. This is not a 15-18 hand with sound stoppers in their suit. A Balancing NT is 11-14 HCP and a shape unsuitable for take-out. A balancing 1NT doesn't promise a stopper! It simply shows a desire to compete. Since partner doubled, we know they hold no more than 2 ♣ cards.

**The Play -**

**Board 6** ♠ Q 10 9 7  
 East Deals ♥ Q 8 6 2  
 E-W Vul ♦ Q 3  
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ A 6		♠ J 5 3
♥ K 9		♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ A K 9 7		♦ 8 5 4
♣ A 10 9 8 3		♣ Q 7 5

♠ K 8 4 2  
 ♥ A J 3  
 ♦ J 10 6 2  
 ♣ K 4

DUMMY →

The **Opening Lead**: ♣5. Since people don't usually underlead Aces, playing small from dummy has much to recommend it. Declarer called for the ♣K (an error) and West won the ♣A. The ♦K drew the ♦8 from East (upside down signals, showing low interest in a ♦ continuation). The ♦A caught the ♦Q from North and the ♦4 from East (even remaining number of cards). East won the small ♣ and promptly returned the 3<sup>rd</sup> ♦. Dummy won the ♦10, pitching a ♥. A small ♠ toward North (always lead through the person you think has the Ace) pulled the ♠A from

West. A ♦ return put North to the guess. If West has the ♠J, ruffing with the ♠10 is sufficient. If East has the ♠J, then North must ruff with the ♠K and finesse the ♠J. North chose to play West (the bidder) with the ♠J and was over-ruffed by East. North could draw trumps, but there was the finesse for the ♥K. Even if the finesse worked, it would require a doubleton ♥K for North to escape with no ♥ losers. West won the ♥K for down 2 and -100.

**Post Mortem**

Many would open South's hand 1♦. West would have a maximum 1N overcall of that bid. Now North is stuck – with no safe way to explore a Major suit partial. Strange how South's actions set EW up for their best or worst result.

North made 2 bad guesses out of 2 tries. Playing low on the opening lead should have been automatic. It cost NS an extra undertrick.

EW 2N; 2♦; 2♣; NS 2♠; 1♥; Par -100; NS 3♠x-1

Contract		Score		MPs	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♠	S	2	110	5	0
3♠	S	-2	100	3.5	1.5
2♠	N	-2	100	3.5	1.5
1NT	W	2	120	2	3
1NT	W	3	150	0.5	4.5
1NT	W	3	150	0.5	4.5
2♣	W	-1	100	5	0
2♠	S	-1	50	3.5	1.5
2♠	S	-1	50	3.5	1.5
2♣	W	2	90	2	3
3♥	N	-3	150	1	4
2NTx	S	-4	800	0	5

-100 was worth 3.5 out of 5 MPs in the open game and only 2 of 5 in the NLM game. -50 would have been worth only 0.5 MP more in the open game but 1 more in the NLM game. North's bidding 1♠ not 1♥ allowed NS to stop at the 2-level. West's decision not to rebid 1NT allowed NS to compete to a

better spot. Bid 'em if you got 'em!

NS benefitted by keeping EW out of their NT contract. Hmmm – there's a lesson here.

[Mike Purcell will return to the Future Master Newsletter next week.](#)