

3/15 – Tues 7pm NLM Game

- 1st OA N/S: **Judy Barron & Donald Pollack**
(62%, 0.40 MP)
- 2nd OA N/S: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**
(57%, 0.28 MP)
- 2rd OB N/S: **Louise Wolf & Karen Grosser**
(49%, 0.20 MP)
- 1st OA E/W: **Liz Lin & Gail Zimmer**
(60%, 0.40 MP)
- 2nd OA E/W: **Alex Grimm & Patrick Lammers**
(59%, 0.28 MP)
- 1st OB E/W: **Darleen Young & Evelyn McCarthy**
(51%, 0.21 MP)



3/11 – Fri 11am NLM Game

- 1st OA N/S: **Annette Kereiakes & Linda Pretz**
(60%, 0.64 MP)
- 2nd OA N/S: **Judy Barron & Sara Brown**
(52%, 0.45 MP)
- 3rd OA N/S: **Salty Roark & Sharon Koster**
(51%, 0.32 MP)
- 1st OC N/S: **Dorothy Comassar & Kathy Rice**
(51%, 0.21 MP)
- 1st OA E/W: **Patrick Lammers & Gail Zimmer**
(61%, 0.64 MP)
- 2rd OA E/W: **Betty Murdock & Erin Oblinger**
(56%, 0.48 MP)
- 3rd OA E/W: **Mary Jo Everhart & Nancy Willis**
(54%, 0.32 MP)
- 2nd OB E/W: **James Meere & Fred Keyes**
(49%, 0.34 MP)



Upcoming Tournaments

Reno Nationals – Mar 9-20

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?tourid=15018>

CBA Future Master Games

- Mon 7PM < 2000
Tue 7PM NLM
Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle
Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture
Sat 10AM Supervised Play

Hand of the Week

This week features a Friday hand where you are a distributional 6-4 but belong in NT:

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ J 5 3

♠ A 10 5 3

♥ K 6

♦ A

♣ K Q 10 9 8 4



♠ K Q 7 2

♥ A 10 7 2

♦ 7 5 4 2

♣ 6

♠ J 6 4

♥ J 4 3

♦ Q J 10 3

♣ A 7 2

NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 4♣; EW 1♥; EW 1♦; Par +500:
EW 4♦x-3; EW 4♥x-3

Bidding – North holding a distributional hand with 6 clubs, 4 spades and 16 HCP will open 1♣ (12-21 HCP, 3+ clubs). South has 9 HCP and no 4 card major. With four solid diamonds they can respond 1♦ (6+ HCP, 4+ diamonds). North will rebid 1♠ showing their 4 card suit. South without four card support can rebid 1NT (6-9 HCP balanced). South should not worry about having hearts stopped for this bid. Even if there is no stopper between the two hands and the suit runs you will still make 1NT. After 1NT by South, North can assume there is a club fit but 5♣ is not likely even if partner has 9 support points because you need 28 support points for this contract. How about 3NT? If partner has 8-9 HCP you have 24-25 HCP plus a nice 6 card club suit to run. Invite partner to game with a 2NT bid. South with a maximum 9 HCP holding will bid on to game at 3NT.

Play of the Hand – On a ♥5 lead, declarer's play is put to the test right away. Normally when there is a doubleton honor in dummy we play up. This time is the exception to the rule. If you put up the ♥K it loses to the ♥A and then opponents can capture your

♥J with a finesse. Better to play small at trick one. Opponents are forced to take their ♥A to set up the ♥K or play low to allow your ♥J to win. Either way you win a heart and that is all you need to make your contract as you now have 9 winners (1♠, 1♥, 1♦, 6♣) for +600.

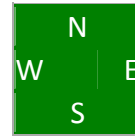
Post Mortem – Even long minor suit holdings often end up being played in NT. When evaluating NT prospects many players give themselves an extra point for a 5 card suit and 2 extra points for a 6 card suit. This is especially true when a minor suit fit is found. On this deal North’s hand is worth 18 points when evaluated this way making the invite to game the right action.

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♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ 6

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♥ J 4 3
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ A 7 2

NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 4♣; EW 1♥; EW 1♦; Par +500;
EW 4♦x-3; EW 4♥x-3

Contract			Score Matchpoints			
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT	S	4	630		11.50	0.50
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3 NT	S	3	600		9.50	2.50
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5 ♥	E	-4	200		8.00	4.00
2 ♣	N	5	150		6.50	5.50
3 ♣	N	5	150		6.50	5.50
3 ♣	S	4	130		5.00	7.00
1 NT	S	2	120		4.00	8.00
3 ♥	W	-1	50		3.00	9.00
6 ♣	N	-1		100	1.00	11.00
4 ♠	N	-1		100	1.00	11.00
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3 NT	S	4	630		5.00	0.00
3 ♣	N	6	170		4.00	1.00
2 ♣	N	5	150		3.00	2.00
4 ♣	N	4	130		2.00	3.00
3 ♣	N	3	110		0.50	4.50
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