



CBA Mentoring Program

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On Minorwood by Steve Moese Tue 3/4

We had a great discussion about a hand from Monday night where Minorwood would help define whether slam in a minor (♣s) is a good bet. We covered Minorwood and RKB in great detail in a previous Newsletter – Check it out! Here is the link: http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/20131008_CBA_99er_Newsletter.pdf

[Tip: cincybridge.com has Google Search – try searching topics there, then search the web. You will find lots of help.]

Using 4N as the only bid to ask partner for key cards has limitations that become more severe as the trump strain goes from ♠ to ♥ to ♦ to ♣. When ♥ are trumps and partner responds 5♦ (Showing either 0-3 or 1-4 keycards depending on your agreement), you no longer have a Trump Queen ask below the level of 5♥.

NO SAFETY. In the other extreme if our suit is ♣ and we want to ask for key cards, we must be able to play in slam if partner responds 5♦ or higher!

♠Qx
♥KJx
♦x
♣AQJ987x
N
W E
S
♠AKxx
♥AQx
♦Axxx
♣xx

The useful space for exploration dwindles to nothing as we go down in rank for the trump suit. Jeff Rubens recognized this and published extensively, forever changing how experts investigate slams. The hand (Board 32) is reproduced approximately as hand records are not posted for Monday's game.

Bidding: North deals and opens 1♣. South responds 1♠ (not 1♦. Responder's

Reverse should show 4=5+ pattern not 4-4). Here's how experts might bid this hand:

3/4 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein (67.6%)

2nd QA: Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla (62.1%)



Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let's learn together!

Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7 PM	Tue 11 AM	Tue 7 PM	Fri 11 AM	Sat 10-12 AM
		Let's Talk BRIDGE 6:30 PM	Free Lesson 10:30 AM	Supervised Play



Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

Don't miss **Friday 3/7 NLM & Open games @ 11 AM.** Lecture 10:30 AM. **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.** **Debbie Cummings Appreciation Game.** Need a partner, call Kay 631-8070.



Area Tournaments

Indianapolis, IN Regional	Mar 3-9
Dallas TX NABC	Mar 20-30
Unit 130 IN Prog Qual Sectional	Mar 31-Apr 6
Columbus OH Sectional	Apr 4-6
Dayton OH Sectional	Apr 11-13
ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php	

N	E	S	W
1♣	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	2♦ ¹	P
2♥ ²	P	3♣ ³	P
3♦ ⁴	P	4♣ ⁵	P
4♦ ⁶	P	4♥ ⁷	P
4N ⁸	P	6♣	AP

- 1= Artificial Force
- 2= Strength (Not 4-cards)
- 3= GF (3♣ at 2nd turn invites)
- 4= 1st or 2nd round ♦ control
- 5= Minorwood 1430
- 6= 1 or 4 Keys
- 7= ♣Q ask?
- 8= Yes and I have the ♥K (use NT to show the K of the strain partner asked in!!!).

North's hand is distributional but not strong enough to rebid 3♣. 2♦ is an artificial force (and precedes GF bids by responder – Google "Third Suit Forcing" for more details). 2♥ is either a concentration of strength or a 4-card suit. 3♣ forces game and allows spade for slam exploration. 3♦ shows any of ♦ A or K, or 0/1 ♦ - all of these are 1st or 2nd round controls. With ♣ agreed as trumps, 4♣ by responder is **Minorwood**, asking for 1430 key cards. One cute wrinkle that saves auction

space: when partner asks for the Trump Queen, use the nearest NT bid to say YES and show the K of the strain partner asked in (here ♥s). Playing SAYC (with minorwood), the auction might be simpler: 1♣-P-1♠-P-2♣-P-4♣ and on to 6♣ as above. Note the simpler auction doesn't show ♣s as superior to No Trump.

Newcomer News — by Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007

Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

Mar 8 – Pat Hoffman and John Meinking

Mar 15 & 22 – Judy Ruehl and Bob Fisk

This week we look at a hand ideal for a sacrifice.

Board 17 ♠ K 7

North Deals ♥ 2

None Vul ♦ 10 8 6 3

♣ Q J 10 8 6 5

♠ J 10 9 6 5

♥ K Q 10 9 4

♦ K J 5

♣ —

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 8 4 3 2

♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ 9

♣ A 9

♠ A

♥ 8 6

♦ A Q 7 4 2

♣ K 7 4 3 2

EW 4♠; 4♥;

NS 3♦; 3♣

(Tuesday 3/4)

Bidding – East with 11 HCP and 5-5 in the majors is likely to open 1♠. South has 13 HCP and 5-5 in the minor suits. Many will bid Unusual 2NT with this hand showing 5-5 or more in the minors. Point ranges for unusual 2NT can vary. Most play it shows either less than (5-11 HCP) or more than opening strength (16+ HCP). With an opening strength hand you can bid your suits directly. While this hand has 13 HCP, 4 are in a singleton spade making a less than opening 2NT call worth considering. West has 15 support point for spades (10 HCP, 3 for the void and 2 more for extra spades). Over a 2NT call many will bid directly to 4♠. North with 6 clubs and 4 diamonds knows E-W likely has game. On even vulnerability, North can afford to go down 2 doubled and should bid 5♣.

Most East-Wests will compete to 5♠ on this wildly distributional deal.

Play of the Hand – On most leads against 5♠ North-South will take 2 spades and 1 diamond to set the contract.

Post Mortem – When opponents are likely to make game, sacrificing makes sense. On even vulnerability, you can afford to go down 2. When you are not vulnerable and opponents are you can afford to go down 3. Be careful when you are vulnerable and opponents are not. In these situations you can only afford to go down doubled.

Contract	Scores	MPs	
		NS	EW
6♠ x E	300	3	0
5♠ x E	100	1.5	1.5
6♠ E	100	1.5	1.5
5♥ W	50	0	3
5♠ E	50	4.5	0.5
4♥ W	50	4.5	0.5
2♠ W	170	3	2
4♠ E	420	1.5	3.5
4♥ W	420	1.5	3.5
4♥ E	450	0	5

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>