

## CBA Mentoring Program



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### Thinking on Defense by Steve Moese Tue 3/15

**Board 11** ♠ A  
South ♥ A K Q 4 2  
Deals ♦ Q 7 4  
None Vul ♣ J 10 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 9 7 6 3  
♥ 9 8  
♦ 2  
♣ 9 7 5

S	W	N	E
3♠	All Pass		

How do you evaluate North's hand opposite partner's 3♠ opening? Do you jump to game because you have 4 tricks?

Partner offers a 7-card suit for the 3♠ bid. In 1<sup>st</sup> seat at equal vulnerability we should expect partner has 6 playing tricks (Rule of 2-3-4. At equal Vul we are 3 tricks short of making). Prtner

has no outside strength (and certainly none in ♥s - we hold

the tops). There might be 4 quick losers in the minors. North has no stoppers and South has nothing. South's distribution might allow 10 tricks. South would hold exactly 3 cards in the minors, leaving 3 cards in the ♥ suit. Given North's ♥s South is likely SHORT in ♥s.

Odds favor passing rather than bidding 4♠ in Match Points. I'd bid 4♠ in Teams. Greed overcomes judgment in many cases. Is this one of them?

**Defense** – West leads the ♦A (A from AK) and we'll look at East's hand.

Looking at Dummy (NORTH) East will DISCOURAGE ♦s - South might be ruffing. ♦3 (standard right-side-up signals), or the ♦9 (Upside-Down signals). West switches to the ♣K! This is good news for the defense. West knows South has nothing in the outside suits so East must have ♣ tops. East plays the ♣6 and dummy and declarer both play ♣3 and ♣5. West continues with the ♣8 to the ♣Q, North and South playing the ♣4 and 7 respectively. Now East has the FINAL DECISION for the defense - continue a 3<sup>rd</sup> round of ♣s or revert to ♦? Make your choice then read on! When leading the H from Hxx, you must follow with the higher of the remaining cards so partner can count the hand. Here the ♣2&9 are unseen.

♠ 5 4 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A Q 6

## 3/25 - FM Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis (62.6%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> QA: Sue & Dave Sivertson (57.6%)



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

- Friday 3/28 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM.
- **Wed Apr 9 FREE Member Appreciation Game.** 6:30 Snacks. 7 PM NLM & Open Games. Unit 124 Awards. Reservation Required: [http://www.cincybridge.com/2014\\_Awards\\_Party.pdf](http://www.cincybridge.com/2014_Awards_Party.pdf)



## Area Tournaments

<b>Dallas TX NABC</b>	<b>Mar 20-30</b>
Unit 130 IN Prog Qual Sectional	Mar 31-Apr 6
Columbus OH Sectional	Apr 4-6
Dayton OH Sectional	Apr 11-13
Indianapolis, IN Sectional	May 2-4
Lexington, KY Sectional	May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional	May 24-25
ACBL Tournaments <a href="http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php">http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php</a>	

**Board 11** ♠ A  
South ♥ AKQ42  
Deals ♦ Q74  
None Vul ♣ J1043

♠ 108  
♥ 765  
♦ AKJ106  
♣ K82

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 542  
♥ J103  
♦ 9853  
♣ AQ6

NS 3♠; 1N;  
1♥; 1♣;  
EW 1♦;  
♠ KQJ9763  
♥ 98  
♦ 2  
♣ 975

East knows West would never play K-8 from K-9-8. Partner has the K-8 doubleton or K-8-2. In either case playing another ♣ is right. If East switches to a ♦, South ruffs and disposes of the ♣ loser on the long ♥s. Were you watch-

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 11	NS	EW	NS	EW
4♠ S	450		4.9	0.1
4♠ S	420		3.7	1.3
3♠ S	170		2.5	2.5
3♠ S	140		1.3	3.7
4♠ S		50	0.1	4.9
4♠ S		480	2.83	0.17
4♠ S		50	1.5	1.5
4♠ E		480	0.17	2.83

ing partner's carding and counting along with him/her? Play a ♣.

You defend so beautifully!

## Newcomer News — by Mike "Keeping Fun On My Convention Card" Purcell 513 702 4007

Here is the schedule for the next few Supervised Bridge Saturdays:

Mar 29 – Kay Mulford and John Meinking

Apr 5 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman

Apr 12 - Mike Purcell & Susan Wisner & Phyllis Bishop ← **NEW 2 DUPLICATE Invite a friend!!!**



This week we go back to our favorite contract (3NT) even when we have a 4-4 major suit fit.

**Board 13** ♠ —

North ♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3  
 Deals ♦ 9 5 3  
 Both Vul ♣ 9 8 5 4

♠ 7 5 4 2	N W    E S	♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J 6 2		♥ A K 4
♦ Q 7 4		♦ K J 10 2
♣ K 10 6		♣ Q J

EW 3N; 2♠;  
1♥; 1♦

♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ 9
♦ A 8 6
♣ A 7 3 2

### Tuesday 3/25

**Bidding** – East has a 20 HCP balanced hand. Most will open 2NT (20-21 HCP balanced) even with a ♣QJ doubleton. I held the West hand with 6 HCP and four spades. Because I am 4-3-3-3 with horrible spades I prefer to play 3NT even when partner has 4 spades and a balanced hand. If you are playing Stayman over 2NT, then it is best just to raise to 3NT with this hand. If you play Puppet Stayman (asking for a 5 or 4 card major) as I do, you can bid 3♣ just in case partner has 5 spades or 5 hearts. In Puppet Stayman, partner will rebid a major with 5 cards, 3♦ with at least one 4 card major and 3NT without either a 5 or 4 card major. On this hand partner rebids 3♦ because he has a four card major (spades). Since I want to play 3NT even if partner has 4 spades I go directly to 3NT now.

**More on Puppet Stayman** - If I wanted to show my 4 card major in this auction, I would have bid the other major (3♥) after partner's 3♦ bid. I do this so partner can

bid our suit first and play the hand.

**If East Opens 1♦** – If you downgraded the QJ club holding you would open 1♦ instead of 2NT. Now South will overcall 1♠ and West without 4 hearts (for a negative double) or a spade stopper will pass along with North. What should East do now? Rebid 1NT. This shows 18-19 HCP and a balanced hand. If East had 15-17 they would have opened 1NT, with 12-14 they should make a reopening double. After the 1NT rebid, West with 6 HCP should at least invite game with a 2NT bid which East will accept bidding 3NT.

**Play of the Hand** – On a ♠J lead (J from KJ10), Declarer has 4 winners (2♠, 2♥) and can setup diamonds and clubs for 5 more tricks to make 3NT for +600.

**Post Mortem** – Sometimes even when you have a 4-4 major suit fit it pays to play in NT when both hands are balanced.

Bd 13	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
4 ♠ x E	500		4.9	0.1
3 NT E	100		3.7	1.3
3 NT E		600	1.3	3.7
3 NT E		600	1.30	3.7
3 NT E		600	1.3	3.7
5 ♦ E	200		2.83	0.17
1 NT E		150	1.5	1.5
3 NT E		600	0.17	2.83

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/>