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## No Bid's Wasted by Steve Moese Tue 4/8

Slam methods over partner's strong NT opening (14+ to 17) offer a wrinkle that might not be familiar. If you play Stayman, Jacoby and Texas Transfers, you have an additional way to show slam interest in a major. Here's South's hand. North opens 1NT. Most would say 4♠ is cold. You might bid 4♥ (Texas Transfer – showing 6+ ♠s and a desire to play in 4♠). With a little imagination, if partner has critical cards, 6♠ might just roll home: ♠A, ♥A, ♦KQ, and ♣A (17 HCP). How do we communicate this to opener? **When bidding majors after a 1NT opening, we use Texas with 6+ cards, and Jacoby with 5 Cards (Use Stayman with any 5-4 or 6-4 in the majors).** If you use Jacoby Transfers with slam possible hands then:

- 1) You hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> suit (minor) and want to consider best strain with interest in slam.
- 2) You hold a 1- suited major hand that might make slam opposite the right maximum 1N opening

The way to show the 1<sup>st</sup> hand is to transfer to your major then rebid 3 of a minor – game forcing. With a fit and no slam interest, opener will sign off in 4M. (Responder continues past game with slam values). Partner will prefer your major at the 3-level with slam interest. Start cue-bidding. Partner will raise your minor with a bad major fit and some interest in slam We rarely go past 3N unless slam is possible.

The way to show the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand type? Make a Jacoby transfer to your major and then jump to 4 of your major. Partner knows that with any hand wanting to play in a major game you'd have used a Texas Transfer. Here partner had the magic maximum and good ♦ spots. Note either partner needs a pure hand (lots of As and Ks) for this bid to work. 6♠ making 6 was a tie for top and worth 80% of the MPs.

## 4/8 - FM Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Mark Mitchell & Gail Zimmer** (59.5%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> QA: **Peg Jervis & Pat Lindeman** (57.1%)



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

- Friday 4/11 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM. Bob Fisk -1430 Keycard Blackwood.
- **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)
- **Sat Apr 12 @ 1 PM–** Kay Mulford hosts an appreciation game for Potter and Sandy Orr. Come play and thank them for all they contribute to Cincinnati Bridge.



## Area Tournaments

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>

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P	1N	P	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	West ♥ A832																
P	2♠	P	4♠ <sup>2</sup>	Deals ♦ KQ108																
P	4N	P	5♣ <sup>3</sup>	N-S Vul ♣ A7																
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This slam is about tricks, not HCP. North can count 12 tricks (6♠s, 2-3♥s, 2-3♦s and 1♣) and bids the cold slam. With East on opening lead, defenders cannot profitably attack the ♣ suit ☺.

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

I have been away from Saturday morning the last few weeks thanks to Nationals in Dallas and other commitments. Looking forward to see everyone again this week! Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:



Apr 12 – Mike Purcell & Susan Wisner & Phyllis Bishop – New To Duplicate

Apr 19 – Mike Purcell & Bob Fisk

Apr 26 - Pat Hoffman and Phyllis Bishop

This week we look at opening 1NT with a 5 card minor and without stoppers in all suits.

### (Tuesday 4/8)

<b>Board 3</b>	♠ A5			
South Deals	♥ 54			
E-W Vul	♦ AQ9843			
	♣ 1053			
♠ KQ10		♠ J97642		
♥ J10982		♥ K63		
♦ 105		♦ J2		
♣ KJ7		♣ 92		
	♠ 83			
NS 4N; 4♣; 1♠;	♥ AQ7			
S 5♦; N 4♦;	♦ K76			
EW 1♥	♣ AQ864			

Even when you get to 3NT without a suit stopped in either hand you will often have prospects to make on 4-4 suit breaks or if opponents fail to open lead the suit.

**Bidding** – South has 15 HCP with 5 clubs. Since our 5 card suit is a minor we open 1NT on most 15-17 HCP hands that are balanced (5-3-3-2). South’s hand fits this profile with the only concern being the lack of a spade stopper. Lacking a stopper in one suit is fine for a 1NT open. Over 1NT, North has 10 HCP and 6 diamonds. With 25 HCP minimum and a known 8 card diamond suit or better, North should be confident in bidding directly to game in 3NT.

**Play of the Hand** – On a ♥J lead (J from J109), declarer has 10 winners (1♠, 2♥, 6♦, 1♣) for +430.

**Post Mortem** – Straining to open 1NT on hands with 5 card minors and without all the suits stopped will lead to superior results more often than not. This is because with 1NT partner can immediately identify game prospects and use a variety of conventions to arrive at the best possible contract.

BD 3	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3 NT S	460		3	0
3 NT S	430		1.5	1.5
3 NT N	430		1.5	1.5
3 ♦ N	130		0	3
3 NT S	460		3	0
2 ♦ N	150		2	1
3 ♣ S	110		0.5	2.5
2 ♦ N	110		0.5	2.5

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/>