



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

One last reminder that we are having our first free New to Bridge (NTB) Event Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to noon. There are a few spots left and if you have someone interested they can register with me at [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com) or 513 702 4007. Note we will still have our regular Sat Supervised Play Session May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-noon as well.

**New 2 Bridge!**  
Bring your friends.  
**Sat May 3, 9-Noon**  
**FREE!**



Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

- May 3 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman
- May 10 - Lorna Davis and Barb Levinson

This week we look at a deal where neither hand has 12 HCP but game in a major couldn't be easier. Enjoy!

**Board 3**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul

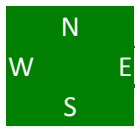
♠ K J 9 7 4  
♥ 9 8 5 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ A J 10

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

NS 5♠; 5♥; 2N; 1♦;  
EW 1♣

♠ 5 2  
♥ K  
♦ A 9 8 6  
♣ K Q 7 6 4 2

♠ A 8 6 3  
♥ A 10 6 4  
♦ K 10 7 5 2  
♣ —



**Tuesday 4/29**

**Bidding** – South has 11 HCP, 2.5 quick tricks and a rebiddable 5 card diamond suit. If we find a fit with partner in a major or diamonds we have a strong hand for partner and should open 1♦ (typically 12+ HCP, 3+ diamonds). North has 9 HCP and 5-5 major. With 5-5 in the majors we look to bid spades first and hearts later. For now North's bid is 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). East will likely overcall 2♣. South with a fit for spades and at least 14 support points can bid 2♠ (4 spades, 12-14 points). West may raise partner's clubs with a 3♣ call. With a confirmed spade fit, North can now

add distributional points for 13 support points total (9 HCP, 3 for the void and 1 more for the extra trump). With 13 points opposite an opener, North has a clear 4♠ call.

**Play of the Hand** – On a ♣K lead (K from KQ) from East, declarer (North) has 5 losers (1♠, 2♥, 2♣). Declarer can drop the ♠Q by playing their AK and should do so with 9 trumps. Declarer can also ruff two clubs in dummy. Best play will be to win the ♠A, ruff a club, play a spade to the ♠K and ruff a second club. Now pay the ♠A to draw the rest of the trump and ruff a diamond to get to the declarer hand. Now play on hearts making sure your ♥A take an opponent's honor and continue to play on hearts to set up the suit. This play will allow you to make 11 tricks losing only 2 hearts for +450.

Bd 3	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
4 ♠ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♥ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♠ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♥ S	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♠ N	420		0	4
4 ♠ N	450		6	0
4 ♠ N	420		5	1
3 ♠ N	230		4	2
3 ♠ N	200		1.5	4.5
4 ♣ E	200		1.5	4.5
3 ♥ N	200		1.5	4.5
3 ♥ S	200		1.50	4.50

**Post Mortem** – Distribution can help you take tricks just as easily as HCP. Even with just 20 HCP, North-South can easily make game on this distributional deal.

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/>