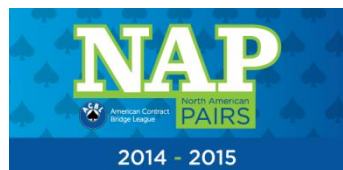


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Board 12 ♠ K75
 West ♥ 10532
 Deals ♦ 43
 N-S Vul ♣ AJ64

♠ 984
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ KQ82
 ♣ 10852

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|---|---------|
| N | 10 |
| W | ♥ J984 |
| E | ♦ J1065 |
| S | ♣ KQ93 |

♠ AQJ632
 ♥ A76
 ♦ A97
 ♣ 7

NS 4♠; 3N;
 2♥; EW 1♦;
 1♣

Finding the 10th Trick by Steve Moese

While the NS hands total only 23 HCP, there's plenty of shape. Aggressive bidders get to game. North has 8 HCP and 1 Shortness point (9 Support Points). South has 15 HCP and 2 length points + 2 shortness

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|---|----|---|----|
| W | N | E | S |
| P | P | P | 1♠ |
| P | 2♠ | P | 4♠ |

points (19 Support Points). **The Bidding** – After 3 passes, South will open 1♠. North will make a single raise to 2♠. Some

Souths will bid game directly. Others might invite by bidding 3♠ (other game tries are available, too).

The Opening Lead - West will start with a red K. Assume the ♥K. This exposes 2 ♥ losers immediately.

The Plan – South counts 9 winners and 3 or 4 losers. Securing only 3 losers makes this thin game. When playing thin contracts, play to make before worrying about overtricks. Many won't bid your game!

How can we develop a 10th trick? Ruffing 3 rounds of ♣ will work only if one opponent holds ♣KQx exactly – not a very good chance. Yes, the 4th ♥ might be good, but that requires a 3-3 break in that suit. 4-2 breaks (48%) are 33% more likely than 3-3 breaks (36%). What might we do in the ♦ suit? When we have one hand with long trumps (South) and another with short trumps (North), ruffing in the SHORT hand creates an extra trick, while ruffing in the LONG hand adds no more tricks (Unless you can ruff 3 or more times – a Dummy Reversal). Here ♣ suit ruffs offer no extra tricks. The only suit we can ruff in Dummy is ♦. That

6/17 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: Lewis Temples & James Hunkler and (61.6%)
 2nd OA: Darlene Young & Patricia Burnam (58.6%)



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- Friday 6/20** NLM & Open games 11 AM. **Lecture 10:30 AM.** Phyllis Bishop: 2/1 Game Force. NLMs can win an entry for the Longest Day!
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| Indianapolis Progressive Sectional | Jun 16-22 |
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| NKy Sectional | Aug 15-17 |
| ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php | |

ruff gets us the 1 extra trick we need. **The Play** – Should we win the ♥K? Ducking won't help. We expect to lose 2♥ tricks. Win the ♥A. Should we draw 2 rounds of trumps 1st? **NO!** If the defender (West) with 3 ♠ cards wins the ♦ trick, they will remove dummy's last trump before we ruff the ♦. Avoid this trap. TAKE 1 ♠ trick, leaving 2 trumps in Dummy. Now play a small ♦ toward dummy! EW can might take their 2 ♥ tricks. They will not get more. If they can play 3 rounds of ♥, ruff as high as necessary in hand. You go down only if trumps are 4-0, a very small risk. You play so beautifully!

| Bd 12 | NS | EW | Scores | | MPs | |
|---------|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|----|
| | | | NS | EW | NS | EW |
| 4 ♠ S | 620 | | 3.5 | 0.5 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | 620 | | 3.5 | 0.5 | | |
| 4 ♣ x E | 500 | | 2 | 2 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | | 100 | 0.5 | 3.5 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | | 100 | 0.5 | 3.5 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | 620 | | 4.3 | 0.7 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | 620 | | 4.3 | 0.7 | | |
| 3 ♠ S | 170 | | 2.5 | 2.5 | | |
| 3 ♠ S | | 100 | 0.7 | 4.3 | | |
| 4 ♠ S | | 100 | 0.7 | 4.3 | | |

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

This Saturday the Supervised Play Group will be supporting the CBA Longest Day Event for the Alzheimer Association of Cincinnati. 100% of the \$10/person fee will be donated. Please come out and support this special charity.

This Saturday we continue our special summer beginner bridge seminars at 9am in the teaching room before the 10am supervised play session. Phyllis Bishop is presenting on Takeout Doubles. Mike Purcell and Lorna Davis will be running the 10am game.

This week we look at a hand where a takeout double leads to NT instead of a suit.

Board 20 ♠ Q 10 8 6

West Deals ♥ J 6 2

Both Vul ♦ K 10 2

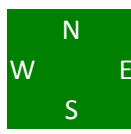
♣ Q 7 6

♠ K 9 7 5 3

♥ A K 7

♦ J 3

♣ J 9 3



♠ J 4 2

♥ 10 9 5 3

♦ 6 5 4

♣ 10 8 2

♠ A

♥ Q 8 4

♦ A Q 9 8 7

♣ A K 5 4

NS 4N; 5♦;

5♣; 3♥; 2♠

Tuesday 6/17

Bidding – West with 12 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠ (12+HCP, 5+ spades).

North and East pass. South has 19 HCP with a singleton spade, three hearts, five diamonds and 4 clubs. This hand is too strong for an overcall (6-16 HCP). Better to start with a takeout double. West passes. North does not have 4 card support for any of the “takeout” suits, but does have 8 HCP and opener’s suit well stopped.

North’s bid is 1NT (8-11 HCP, balanced and with at least one stopper in opponent’s suit). South with 19 HCP knows together they have at least 27 HCP and will bid on to game in 3NT.

Play of the Hand – On a spade lead, Declarer (North) has 9 winners (1♠, 5♦, 3♣) assuming a reasonable diamond

break (3-2). After running diamonds, play out the clubs for 4 more tricks when they break 3-3 for making 10 tricks or +630.

Post Mortem – When partner makes a takeout double and you have 8-11 HCP, no 4 card major for partner and stoppers in the opener’s suit, 1NT is an ideal bid. Most of the time you will play there safely. Every once in a while you will catch partner with extras as allowing you to bid and make a NT game even though the opponent’s opened the bidding!

| Bd 20 | Contract Scores | | MPs | |
|---------|-----------------|----|-----|-----|
| | NS | EW | NS | EW |
| 3 NT N | 660 | | 4 | 0 |
| 3 NT N | 630 | | 2 | 2 |
| 3 NT N | 630 | | 2 | 2 |
| 3 NT N | 630 | | 2 | 2 |
| 1 ♠ x E | 500 | | 0 | 4 |
| 3 NT N | 630 | | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| 3 NT N | 630 | | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| 4 ♦ S | 150 | | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 3 ♦ S | 150 | | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 2 ♦ S | 130 | | 1 | 4 |
| 2 ♣ S | 90 | | 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/>