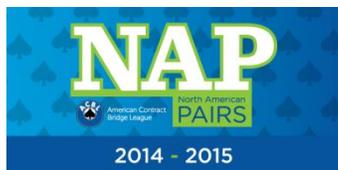


## Play the NAP National Event!



In **July** and **August**, look for **North American Pair Qual Games**. Finish at or above 50% in an OPEN game to qualify. Check the [June Flyer](#) or the [CBA Website](#) for Q Game dates. Don't miss a chance to win extra points! Click for details about [District 11 NAP](#).

## Know When to Sacrifice-Get There FAST!

By Steve Moese

**Board 5** ♠ 6  
 North ♥ K9765  
 Deals ♦ A983  
 N-S Vul ♣ AQ4

♠ K94  
 ♥ 108  
 ♦ Q765  
 ♣ K632

N	♠ AQJ10732
W	♥ 3
E	♦ 1042
S	♣ J5

♠ 85  
 NS 5♥; 3♦;  
 3♣; 1♠

♥ AQJ42  
 ♦ KJ  
 ♣ 10987

By interfering with a game auction EW managed a top score while going down 3 doubled tricks! North opened 1♥ on 13 HCP and a singleton ♠. East jumped to 4♠ (How'd he know to do that)? South has great trumps and 12

Support Points (11 + 1 for the ♠ doubleton) and West raised the ante with 5♠ (How'd he know to do that?). South doubles.

N	E	S	W
1♥	4♠!	5♥	5♠!
P	P	X	AP

Preempt guidelines are helpful! The weak jump shift bidder uses the Rule of 2-3-4-(5) for the initial bid, then stays quiet unless partner forces them to bid. Partner raises the preempt to the level consistent with the number of trumps and the vulnerability. 1<sup>st</sup> seat can be a little frisky, but 2<sup>nd</sup> seat is disciplined. 3<sup>rd</sup> seat is "wide ranging" - strength (HCP) and length. When Vulnerable be less aggressive. At favorable vulnerability (as here with board 5) be super aggressive.

Let's see the Rule of 2-3-4-5 & Law of Total Tricks inaction. Rule of 2-3-4-5: When making a weak jump overcall, count your winners. Here East has 6 winners in the ♠ suit. Add the following number to your winners to determine the appropriate level to bid.

Rule of 2-3-4-5			
We	They	+	
Vul	NV	+2	
Vul	Vul	+3	
NV	NV	+4	
NV	Vul	+5	

## 7/8 – Future Master Leaders

- 1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Mary Brown & Judy Eilers** **1.62 MP** (60.3%)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Evelyn McCarthy & Joan Diers** **1.22 MP** (59.4%)



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 7/11 NAPQ** NLM & Open 11 AM. ½ Red & ½ Black. Lecture 10:30 AM Phyllis Bishop. **Saturday 7/12** 12:30 Pizza! Celebrate 3 Supervised Play teachers. NLM section & Home Style (Attendance permitting) and Free. **For Partners call Kay 631-8070.**
- Thursday Evenings and Last Tuesday in JULY are **SWISS TEAM** games. Call Mike Lipp (Thurs Eve) and AJ Stephani (Tuesday AM) for teams.
- July CBA Flyer** – CBC, NKy, and Anderson offer games with EXTRA MASTERPOINTS! **Look for NAP Qualifier Games.**

## Area Tournaments

<a href="#">Evansville, IN Sectional</a>	Jul-11-13
<a href="#">NABC-Las Vegas NV</a>	Jul-17-27
<a href="#">Lexington, KY NLM Sectional</a>	Jul-26-27
<a href="#">STaC District 11 (That's us!)</a>	Aug 4-10
<a href="#">NKy Sectional</a>	Aug 15-17
ACBL Tournaments <a href="http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php">http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php</a>	



At Fav Vul. (They: Vul, we:NV). 6 winners+5= 11. Bid as high as 5♠! East bid 4♠ (game). South's dilemma: 5♥ is not a sure thing. 2♠ losers and 1 or 2 ♣ losers possible. 5♥ asserts their game. West bids 5♠ with 3♠s, the ♠K & a doubleton ♥. 4♠ often has 8 trumps (or a good 7 card suit) West sees 11 trumps and bids to the 5 level (11 tricks). Bid to the level of your trump holding - the Law of Total Tricks. 5♠X-3 for -500 beat every -650 and -680 in the field for a top score. **Give the opponents the last guess.**

		Scores		MPs	
Bd	NS EW	NS	EW	NS	EW
5♥ N	680	3.88	0.13		
5♥ N	650	2.00	2.00		
5♥ N	650	2.00	2.00		
5♠ x E	500	0.13	3.88		
5♥ N	680	5.5	0.5		
5♥ N	680	5.5	0.5		
5♥ N	650	3	3		
4♥ N	650	3	3		
4♥ N	650	3	3		
4♥ N	620	1	5		
5♠ E	150	0	6		

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

This Saturday Lorna Davis, Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman will be running the 10am game. The 9:30 seminar (NOT 9am) will be on Major Suit Opener Rebids with Minimum Values by Phyllis Bishop.

This week we look at a hand pattern I have come to recognize with experience as one worth being aggressive with.

<b>Board 2</b>	♠ J5
East Deals	♥ J96
N-S Vul	♦ KQ7
	♣ AKJ75
♠ A62	♠ K10987
♥ AK1083	♥ 72
♦ 62	♦ AJ1098
♣ 982	♣ 3
	♠ Q43
EW 4♠; 3♥;	♥ Q54
3♦; 1N	♦ 543
	♣ Q1064

### Saturday 7/5

**Bidding** – West with 11 HCP, 3 quick tricks and a good 5 card heart suit opens 1♥ (12-21 HCP, 5+ hearts). Yes we are short a HCP but with at least 2.5 quick tricks and a 5 card suit most players will correctly open this hand. North with 15 HCP and 5 clubs overcalls 2♣. I hold the East hand with 8 HCP but a very nice 5-5 pattern in spades and diamonds. Should I double (8+ HCP, 4+ spades and likely diamonds) or bid 2♠ (10+ HCP, 5+ spades)? When we are 5-5 it is best to strain to bid our suits when we can. With all the middle cards in both suits and chances to finesse North I strongly suggest this hand will play more like 10 points which makes a 2♠ call right. South with 6 HCP and 4 trumps for partner will raise to 3♣. West with three trumps will compete to 3♠. Now what should I do? My hand is easily worth

11 support points (8 HCP plus 3 for the singleton and doubleton). The quality of my diamond suit suggests we can take 4 tricks even if the opponents have the KQ making this hand worth more like 12-13 support points. In terms of “real” losers I count 6 (2♠, 2♥, 1♦, 1♣). Can partner even with a minimum opening hand cover 3 of them? I think the chances are good so I bid on to game at 4♠.

**Play of the Hand** – On a ♣4 lead (fourth best from an honor), Declarer (East) officially has 4 losers (1♠, 2♦, 1♣) but as we discussed as long as North has either diamond honor we really only have 1 diamond loser. Opponents will win the first club but we can ruff the second one draw two rounds of trump ending in dummy to take the diamond finesse which works. In the end we lose only three tricks for plus +420 and a top board with only 19 HCP. Not too shabby!

**Post Mortem** – As you get more experience you will start to recognize hands that play far beyond their cursory HCP count. Hands with solid suits, like spades and diamonds in this deal, will play extremely well especially when we can count on the opponent’s points being in a favorable position. Aggressively bidding these hands will often lead to favorable results.

Bd 2	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3♥ W	50	12	0	
2♥ W	110	11	1	
3♠ E	140	9	3	
2♥ W	140	9	3	
3♠ E	140	9	3	
2♠ E	170	6	6	
3♠ E	170	6	6	
1♠ E	170	6	6	
2♣ N	200	3.5	8.5	
3♠ E	200	3.5	8.5	
4♠ E	420	1	11	
4♠ E	420	1	11	
4♠ W	420	1	11	

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/>