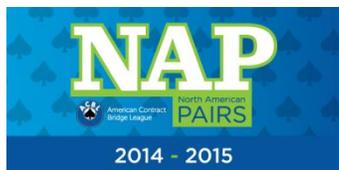


## Play the NAP National Event!



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](#).

## Slam? Which Slam? By Steve Moese

You are East playing 2/1 game force. Partner opens 1♣. What's your plan? We see 8 HCP, 2 singletons, a 4-card fit for ♠s and a 7-card ♥ suit. This is a 5-loser (1♠, 1½♥, 1♦, and 1.5♣ - Aces are 1½ winners, Kings 1 winner and Queen ½ winner). So game in ♥ or ♣ is likely, NT not so much. 1♥ keeps all the options open. Partner rebids 1♠ - this tends to show an unbalanced hand with a 5-card ♣ suit (opener can rebid 1N with a balanced minimum 12-14 HCP). Now what? Since we game is likely we must force now. 2♦ is the 4<sup>th</sup> suit – this is an artificial bid (convention) forcing partner to game and asking them to describe their hand. Responder usually has a 5-card or longer major and is looking for 3-card support. Opener should:

### EAST

♠ 10  
♥ KJ109864  
♦ 8  
♣ A754

S	W	N	E
P	1♣	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
P	3♣	P	3♥
P	3♠	P	4♣
P	4♦	P	4♥
P	5♥	P	???

- 1) Support Responder's major with 3 cards
- 2) Rebid their 1<sup>st</sup> suit to show at least 5+ - 4 pattern.
- 3) Rebid their 2<sup>nd</sup> suit to show 5-5
- 4) Rebid NT to show a stopper in the 4<sup>th</sup> suit (3NT shows extras!).
- 5) Raise the 4<sup>th</sup> suit with 4 card support.

[Sometimes Opener's rebid is not clear. After 1♣-1♥-1♠-2♦ with ♠KQxx ♥Kx ♦Jx ♣A10xxx, opener chooses the least worst rebid: either 3♣ or 2♥ (raising on Honor-small can be a good choice in a pinch).]

Over 2♦, opener rebids 3♣, denying 3♥ cards. 3♥ sets trumps. Control bids (♠, ♣, ♦) follow. 4♥ shows a broken 7-card suit. Opener's raise shows a singleton ♥ Honor and slam interest. With 2♥ cards, opener

## 7/15 – Future Master Leaders (Club Championship)

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones 1.73 MP** (60.4%)  
2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster 1.3 MP** (59%)



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 7/18 NAPQ** NLM & Open 11 AM. Lecture 10:25 AM Phyllis Bishop 2/1 Game Force - IV. **For Partners call Kay 631-8070.**
- **Saturday 7/19** NLM & Open 1 PM. Call Mike Lipp for partners.
- 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="#">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>	



would've asked for key cards. EAST must decide level and strain. 5NT (Pick a slam) asks opener's help. Opener will bid 6♣. **EAST should PASS!** There might be a loser in ♥ and ♣. The loser in ♥ disappears if ♣ are trumps. Declarer can ruff the ♥s. An 8-card ♥ fit requires the ♥Q be

**Board 27** ♠ Q854  
South ♥ 75  
Deals ♦ K765  
None Vul ♣ K106

♠ AJ72  
♥ A  
♦ A109  
♣ QJ832

	N	♠ 10
W	E	♥ KJ109864
	S	♦ 8
		♣ A754

♠ K963  
♥ Q32  
♦ QJ432  
♣ 9

stiff or doubleton leaving 1 loser in ♥ 67% of the time! Think: a 1=7 suit doesn't allow ruffs in the short trump hand – a 5=4 fit does! East, not West, knows! ♣ are odds on, not ♥. Bid slams no **worse** than a finesse.

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

This Saturday Lorna Davis, Susan Wisner, and Judy Ruehl will be running the 10am game. The 9:30 seminar will be on Forcing NT by Mike Purcell.

**NEW NLM Game Sat 1pm** – I want to encourage folks to play Saturday afternoons in a new Non-Life Master (NLM) game. NLM games are limited to our less experienced players, making them a great way to get started playing competitive bridge.

For Supervised Bridge Players only - Kay Mulford offers FREE Homestyle Bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

This week we look at a 3NT hand where a bad break requires a good Plan B to recover.

**Board 10** ♠ 9 4 3  
 East Deals ♥ A 5  
 Both Vul ♦ A 7 2  
 ♣ Q 9 8 6 3

♠ K 10 5 2	N	♠ A Q J
♥ 10 9 6 2	W	♥ J 7 4 3
♦ K 8 6 4	S	♦ 9 5
♣ 5	E	♣ J 10 7 4

NS 3N; 2♠;  
 3♣; 2♦; 1♥  
 ♠ A K 2

### Board 10 (Tuesday 7/15)

**Bidding** – South with 15 HCP and a balanced hand opens 1NT (15-17 HCP). This is the correct bid even without a stopper in one suit. North with 10 HCP and no four card major will raise directly to 3NT.

**Play of the Hand** – On a ♠2 lead (fourth best), opponents quickly take 4 spade tricks and switch to a heart. Declarer (South) now has 9 winners (3♥, 1♦, 5♣) assuming clubs break 3-2. After playing AK of clubs though declarer realizes that clubs are not breaking and they are going down if they try to run them. Is there another way to make 3NT? Yes! Declarer

can work on diamonds finessing the ♦K. If the finesse works you still have 9 winners (3♥, 3♦, 3♣). The finesse succeeds for making 3NT and +600.

**Post Mortem** – When your original plan fails, reassess your options. Sometimes an alternate line of play will work. Note in this hand it is important to try clubs first (Plan A) because if the suit runs you make the contract without the risk of losing a diamond finesse (Plan B) and going down.

Bd 10	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3 NT S	630		5	0
2 NT N	150		4	1
3 NT S		100	2	3
3 NT S		100	2	3
2 NT S		100	2	3
3 NT S		200	0	5
3 NT S	600		6.36	0.64
3 NT S	600		6.36	0.64
1 NT N	150		4.64	2.36
3 NT S		100	1.79	5.21
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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/>