

1/20 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Robert Roark & Martin Gibler**

(62%, 0.36 MP)

2nd OA: **Pamela Kennedy & Cheryl Endres**

(59%, 0.25 MP)



1/16 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA: **Judy Barron & Sara Brown**

(63%, 0.48 MP)

2nd OA: **Liz Lin & Sue Ellen Thesing**

(59.5%, 0.34 MP)



CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon PM < 2000

Tue PM 149er

Wed AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat AM Supervised Play – 1/24 Lorna Davis, Pat Hoffman and Pam Campbell will run the game!

Area Tournaments

[D11 GNT Finals, Kettering DBC](#)

Jan 24-25, 2015

NEW Partnership Calendar

Need more help finding partners at the CBC? Check out the New Sign-up Calendar near the door to the Cincinnati Bridge Center. If you're looking for a game on a specific date, post your name, contact info, number of masterpoints and system(s) played. You can also contact Joanne Earls (jolman@fuse.net, 513-772-4395) for help.

Let's Talk Bridge

We are taking Let's Talk Bridge to the Newsletter. If you have a question on a bridge hand, scoring, director calls, etc. send them to me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com. From time to time these will be published in future FM Newsletters.

Hand of the Week

This week we look at a distributional hand from Thursday Night.

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 7 4 3 2

♥ A Q

♦ 9

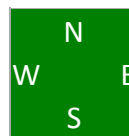
♣ A K 10 4

♠ A 10 8 5

♥ 6

♦ Q 6 5 3 2

♣ 8 3 2



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EW 4♥; EW 2♠; S 3♦; N 2♦; S 2♣; N 1♣; Par -300;
S 5♦x-2

Bidding – West with 16 HCP and 6 spades opens 1♠ (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). East has 8 hearts. In the bridge world, do you know what we call an 8 card suit? TRUMP!! Since we already have an 8 card fit immediately count distribution to add 4 distributional points (2 for the singleton and 2 more for your doubletons) plus 4 HCP (do not count the singleton ♣J). In reality this hand is worth even more than that, much closer to 10 support points given the extra-long suit. Given this East can respond 2♥ (typically 10+ HCP, 5+ hearts). South has 5-5 in the minors and 13 HCP. On this vulnerability, I favor a 3♦ call. Yes the 3-level is higher than we would like but with solid diamonds, we are not likely to be doubled and we give partner a great suit to lead on defense. West with only 2 hearts but extra values and spades can rebid 3♠. North has 5 diamonds for partner and 10 support points (6 HCP, 2 for the singleton and 2 more for extra trump). On even vulnerability, I favor a raise to a 5♦ sacrifice here as opponents appear to have game values and I feel good partner can hold this contract to down 2 or better (-300 is better than -420). Also pushing the opponents into an immediate

decision without trump agreement tends to cause opponent's to overbid at the 5 level.

If you play 2/1 - West with 16 HCP and 6 spades still opens 1♠ (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades) but now East bids 1NT (5-11 HCP, forcing one round) looking to rebid 3♥ later. South bids 2♦ followed by 2♠ from West. North with great diamond support can still bid 5♦ here. This puts maximum pressure on East. If North only bids 4♦, East is much more likely to chance a 4♥ call.

Play of the Hand – Against a 5♦ doubled contract in South, expect ♥A lead. After seeing the singleton in dummy, West will now cash two clubs and give partner a ruff. Regardless of the return, South can win, draw trump and ruff a heart winning the rest of the tricks in their hand for 9 tricks and down 2 or -300.

Post Mortem – Note on the results for this board, two E-W pairs found 4♠ going down. This underscores the importance of East insisting of hearts as trump when they hold an eight card suit. In terms of sacrificing, do not be afraid to push opponents to a high level if you have a large trump fit, distribution and favorable vulnerability. Pushing to a high level early, especially when the opponents have not yet found their fit, is often the best strategy.

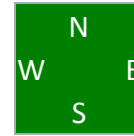
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Contract By Made Scores Matchpoints

		N-S		E-W	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠	W	-2	100	2.50	0.50
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5 ♦x	S	-2	300	1.00	2.00
4 ♥	E	4	420	0.00	3.00