

## 2/3 – Future Master Leaders

3<sup>rd</sup> OA: **Lewis Temples & Richard Koch**

(56.75%, 0.60 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OB: **Judy Crotty Hall & Liz Lin**

(48.2%, 0.34 MP)

**Note: Earned in the Open Game, Well Done!!!**



## 1/30 – Fri NLM Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Nancy Willis & Mary Jo Everhart**

(68%, 1.09 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**

(64%, 0.82 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OB: **Robert Burns & Mary Friesen**

(54%, 0.76 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OB: **Charlie Kobida & Ann Blomberg**

(49%, 0.57 MP)



## CBA Newcomer Games – Play Often!

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM 149er

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat 10AM Supervised Play – 2/7 Bob Fisk, Cliff Pleatman and Mike Purcell will run the game!

## Area Tournaments

[Louisville Sectional Feb 20-22](#)

[Indianapolis Regional Feb 23 - Mar 1](#)

## Supervised Play with Kay Mulford

**Feb 19, 26 and Mar 5**

Kay is offering free supervised play and lessons on Thurs. 10-12 pm Feb. 19 for 3 weeks for students/players who have completed basic lessons. There will be a duplicate game at the lesson's end.

**SPACE IS LIMITED: For reservations please contact Kay at 513 631-8070 or kmulford@cinci.rr.com**

## Hand of the Week

Kudos to my former mentee Lew Temples and his partner Richard Koch for bidding and making slam at my table with these hands:

**Board 1** ♠ A Q J 10 8

North Deals ♥ A K 10 7 4

None Vul ♦ A Q

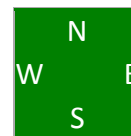
♣ 7

♠ 9 5

♥ Q 3 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ J 10 6 2



♠ 7 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ J 10

♣ A K 8 5

♠ K 3 2

♥ 5

♦ K 8 7 6 4

♣ Q 9 4 3

NS 6♠; NS 4N; NS 4♥; NS 4♦; NS 2♣; Par +980

**Bidding** – North with 20 HCP and two great 5 card major suits will upgrade this hand to open 2♣ (artificial, 21+ HCP). South has 8 HCP and can bid 2♦ (waiting). North will rebid 2♠. South has 3 card support and 10 support points for partner (8 HCP, 2 more for the singleton). South's should bid 3♠ showing support and interest in slam. This allows the ability to cue bid controls before the level of game. With weaker hands South can bid to 4♠ directly. After 3♠, North can cue bid 4♦ (showing ♦A) and South without a first round control can now bid 4♠. North should not be deterred from pursuing slam knowing partner has extras. If North plays any form of Roman Key Card Blackwood, they can bid 4NT and find out partner has either the ♠K or ♣A. With 4 out of 5 Key Cards, North can bid on to slam at 6♠. Those playing regular Blackwood may settle for 5♠ when partner shows no aces and the king of trump situation is unknown.

**Play of the Hand** – On a J♣ lead from West, Declarer (North) has 4 losers (3♥, 1♣). Assuming the opponents win the ♣A and switch to a diamond, win the diamond in the North hand, cash ♥A and ruff a heart in dummy. Now return to the North hand with a second diamond and ruff another heart. Now the heart suit is set up. Draw trump and run the rest of your hearts. This line of play yields 12 tricks for +980 if slam is bid, otherwise +480.

### What if opponent's hearts break 5-2?

You can still make this hand if opponent's diamonds are 3-3 by ruffing the third heart high and dropping the last bad heart on a good diamond in dummy.

**Post Mortem** – Special hands like North's on this deal are more likely to make slam, especially when we establish a trump fit and extras in partner's hand as on this deal. During the play do not settle for one line of play that could work. Try to work out a Plan B strategy just in case. Most of the time you will not need it but when you do you will be glad you made the effort.

**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K 3 2			
♥ 5			
♦ K 8 7 6 4			
♣ Q 9 4 3			

NS 6♠; NS 4N; NS 4♥; NS 4♦; NS 2♣; Par +980

Contract By Made		Scores		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♠	S	6 980		4.30	0.70
6 ♠	N	6 980		4.30	0.70
4 ♠	N	6 480		2.50	2.50
6 ♠	N	-1	50	0.70	4.30
5 ♠	N	-1	50	0.70	4.30