

2/10 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisner**
(58.75%, 0.36 MP)

2nd OA: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla**
(48.2%, 0.25 MP)



2/6 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA N-S: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**
(63%, 0.40 MP)

1st OA E-W: **Sara Brown & Judy Barron**
(61%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OA N-S: **Linda Pretz & Reeta Brendamour**
(55%, 0.28 MP)

2nd OA E-W: **Ann Luggen & Dixie White**
(50%, 0.28 MP)

1st OB N-S: **Salty Roark & Sharon Koster**
(54%, 0.21 MP)

1st OA E-W: **Mary Brown & Stephanie Jones**
(50%, 0.21 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 – 2/14 Bob Fisk, Lorna Davis, Tony Habash and Barb Levinson 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

This week I refuse to let the bidding die at the one level on this deal:

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8

♥ 10 3

♦ J 8 6 5 4

♣ A 7 4 3

♠ A Q 10 6 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K 10

♣ J 10 9 2



♠ 7

♥ K 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 7 3 2

♣ K Q 5

♠ K J 5 4 2

♥ A Q J 4

♦ A Q

♣ 8 6

E 1N; NS 1♠; E 1♥; NS 1♦; EW 1♣; Par

Bidding – South with 17 HCP and 5-4 in the majors opens 1♠ (12-21 HCP, 5+ spades). West and North pass. I hold the East hand. When the auction dies at the one or two level we strain to get into the bidding. Why? Because most of the time when this happens we have roughly half the points and possibilities to make a part score. Here even though I only have 8 HCP, I have a hand that can support partner well in any suit besides spades. In the pass out seat a double on a hand as weak as this one is ok when your shape is right. Do not do this when you have wasted values in the opponent's suit or poor shape to support partner. After my double, South immediately rebids 2♥. Already I am happy I doubled and did not bid my hearts. Partner passes. North also passes. Yes North should have returned to spades with equal length in the majors. I am quite happy to pass 2♥ for the opponents to play. Even if they had made it to 2♠ I can pass with the satisfaction that they are up a level and likely partner has a trump stack behind them.

Play of the Hand – Partner makes an aggressive ♦K lead but we recover to get a spade, a spade ruff, a diamond ruff in the west hand, a club plus three more hearts in my hand developed by forcing South to ruff clubs. We take 7 tricks in defense to set the contract 2 for +100.

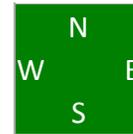
Post Mortem – When the bidding dies at the 1 or 2 level, especially in the suit, it is often right to compete. Many times you will find a good part score, a nice sacrifice from their part score or simply push them up a bidding level where they might be set. If you are in the pass out seat, the HCP requirements to reopen the bidding with a double are not as stringent, 8-9 HCP can be enough, if you have the right shape to support the unbid suits as on this deal.

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Contract By Made		Scores Matchpoints			
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1 ♠	S	2	110	4.90	0.10
1 NT	S	1	90	3.70	1.30
			AVE AVE	2.50	2.50
2 ♥	S	-2	100	1.90	3.10
4 ♠	S	-2	100	1.90	3.10
1 ♠	E	2	110	0.10	4.90
1 ♠	S	2	110	1.50	0.50
1 ♠	S	2	110	1.50	0.50
1 ♠	S	1	80	0.00	2.00