

### 3/17 – Future Master Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla**

(62%, 0.36 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **David Elliott & Carla Runda**

(50%, 0.25 MP)



### 3/13 – Fri NLM Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA N/S: **Joanne Oppelt & Patt Olexsey**

(63%, 0.40 MP)

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

(58%, 0.28 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OC N/S: **Ann Luggen & Jolene Schwab**

(44%, 0.12 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OA E/W: **Liz Lin & Beth Wales**

(59%, 0.40 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA E/W: **Mike Burns & Mary Friesen**

(54%, 0.28 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OB E/W: **Mary Brown & Cynthia Gapen**

(51%, 0.18 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 – 3/21 Lorna Davis, Tony Habash, Judy Ruehl and Mike Purcell will run the game.

### Area Tournaments and Special Events

[Columbus Sectional Tournament - March 27-29](#)

[CBA Awards Party – Wed April 8](#)

[New to Bridge \(N2B\) - Sat April 18](#)

### Special 0-10 Newcomer Game

**Thursday March 26, 10 am**

Join us for a special 0-10 Newcomer Game this Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-1:30 with lunch. This game features special hands ideal for new players. To register for this special game, please contact Kay Mulford at 513-631-8070 or [kmulford@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kmulford@cinci.rr.com).

### Hand of the Week

This week features a Friday hand where knowing which bids are forcing and which are not is important to getting to game:

#### Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5 4

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A 10

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 9

♥ A 9 7

♦ K 7 5 3

♣ K Q 9 8 6



♠ 10 2

♥ Q J 5 4 3

♦ Q J 9 8 4 2

♣ —

♠ A K Q J 7 3

♥ K 10

♦ 6

♣ J 10 7 4

NS 5N; N 4♠; NS 5♣; S 3♠; EW 1♦; Par +460

**Bidding** – North with 12 HCP and 5 clubs opens 1♣ (12-21 HCP, 3+ clubs). South has 14 HCP, 6 super solid spades and should be thinking that game is a must and slam may be possible. They can start by bidding 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). North has an uncomfortable 1NT rebid. We do not like to rebid clubs with only 5 cards. South should still be interested in slam but needs to be careful that their next bid is a forcing one if it is short of game. If a jump to 3♠ can be passed by partner, not do bid it. If you are not sure do not take a chance. Bid 4♠ directly.

**If you play New Minor Forcing** – Over the 1NT rebid from North, South can rebid 2♦ (new minor, artificial, alertable) to show a hand with 10+ HCP and typically 5 cards in their originally bid major. After 2♦ on this hand, North can respond 3♣ or 2NT. Most South players will then go to 4♠ or possibly 3NT.

**If you play Unusual 2NT** – If E/W plays Unusual 2NT, then East can bid 2NT over North's 1♣ opener showing the two lowest unbid suits (hearts and Diamonds) and less than opening strength. South will now likely bid 4♠ directly and not look for slam.

**Play of the Hand** – East is on lead. Assuming no bidding from partner they are likely to lead the ♥8 (top of nothing). Declarer (South) has 2 losers (1♦, 1♣). The best play is to win the heart, draw trump and work on clubs. West takes their ace and then cashes the ♦A but that is all they can take. Declarer wins 11 tricks or +450.

**Post Mortem** – Discussing with your partner which bids are forcing and which are not is critical to good bidding. On this deal several pairs played 3♠ because North believed this was an invitational call.

**Post Mortem II** – What is the best defense if East gets into the bidding with an unusual 2NT call showing at least 5-5 in hearts/diamonds? West should consider playing the ♣A on opening lead as East could have a singleton and trump (or ruff) a second club. When East shows their void, West needs to play a club at Trick Two that tells partner which suit to come back in to get a second ruff. To signal a diamond return West should play the ♣2 as diamonds is the lower of the other two side suits (playing the ♣5 would signal hearts). East now plays a diamond back which West wins and gives partner another club ruff to set the 4♠ contract. For those West players who were looking for a diamond ruff on this deal let me suggest playing the ♣A first does not preclude you from switching to the ♦A at Trick Two should you decide partner has 2 clubs. However playing the ♦A first keeps you from setting the contract even if you switch to the ♣A at Trick Two as partner cannot get back to you for the second ruff.

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                     ♣ K Q 9 8 6

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♥ 8 6 2		♥ Q J 5 4 3	
♦ A 10		♦ Q J 9 8 4 2	
♣ A 5 3 2		♣ —	

♠ A K Q J 7 3  
♥ K 10  
♦ 6  
♣ J 10 7 4

NS 5N; N 4♠; NS 5♣; S 3♠; EW 1♦; Par +460

Contract By Made		Scores		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠	S	5	450	8.50	3.50
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3 NT	N	4	430	4.00	8.00
5 ♣	N	5	400	2.50	9.50
3 NT	N	3	400	2.50	9.50
6 ♣×	N	-1		100	0.50
6 NT×	S	-1		100	0.50
3 NT	N	4	430	4.00	0.00
3 NT	N	3	400	3.00	1.00
3 ♠	S	5	200	1.00	3.00
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3 ♠	N	5	200	1.00	3.00