

4/7 – Future Master Leaders

1st OC: **Susan De Roos & Liz Lin**

51%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OC: **Lewis Temples & James Hunkler**

(50%, 0.28 MP)



4/3 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA: **Patt Olexsey & Joanne Oppelt**

(52%, 0.48 MP)

2nd OA: **Mike Burns & Mary Friesen**

(51%, 0.34 MP)

1st OB: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster**

(48%, 0.24 MP)



New to Bridge (N2B) – Sat April 18th

N2B will be Sat April 18 from 9 to 12 at the Cincinnati Bridge Club (CBC). Attendees can then continue on with beginner lessons complemented with Informal Supervised Play Saturday mornings 10-12. Attendees can register for this free event by contacting me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com or by phone at 513-702-4007. If you have a friend interested in bridge, this is a great event for them!!!

Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday hand where an overcall does not help the defense:

Board 5

♠ 10 5

North Deals ♥ Q J 7 2

N-S Vul ♦ A 7 6

♣ A Q J 10

♠ Q 4 3 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K J 9 6

♥ K 9 8

♦ J 10 9 5 2

♣ 7

♠ A 8 7

♥ 6 4 3

♦ K Q 3

♣ K 9 3 2

Bidding – I was North on this deal and with 14 HCP and a balanced hand opened my best minor 1♣ (12-21 HCP, 3+ clubs). East overcalls 1♦ (typically 8-16 HCP, 5+ diamonds). Partner in South has 12 HCP without a four card major but diamonds stopped. He responded 2NT (10-12 HCP, no four card major, diamonds stopped at least once). With my 14 HCP, I have no issues raising to game in 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Since East overcalled 1♦, West lead the ♦8 (top of nothing). South has 8 winners (1♠, 3♦, 4♣) and can only develop a ninth trick in hearts. South wins the first diamond in dummy and lead up to their hearts. East wins and switched to a spade but partner led back a diamond instead of continuing the suit. This allowed partner to play on hearts again to develop the ninth trick to make our contract before the defense could set up spades.

Post Mortem – At my table, the 1♦ overcall misled the defense to allow us to make our contract when most were going down in 3NT. When overcalling if you do not have an opening hand (12+ HCP) it is important to have a good suit or you risk giving up tricks to your opponents on defense when partner leads your suit.

Contract By Made Scores Matchpoints

		N-S		E-W	
3 NT	S	3	600	4.90	0.10
3 ♣	N	3	110	3.70	1.30
3 NT	S	-1	100	1.30	3.70
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NS 3♥; NS 4♣; NS 2N; EW 1♠; NS 1♦; Par +140