

4/21 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones**

(61%, 0.78 MP)

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

(52%, 0.59 MP)



4/17 – Fri NLM Leaders

1st OA N/S: **Terri Mackey & Charlie Kobida**

(59%, 0.48 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Maureen Miller & Rosemary Franck**

(58%, 0.34 MP)

1st OB N/S: **James Meere & Fran Hamilton**

(49%, 0.18 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Judy Barron & Sara Brown**

(64%, 0.48 MP)

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

(58%, 0.34 MP)

1st OB E/W: **Patt Olexsey & Joanne Oppelt**

(57%, 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 Supervised Play – 3/26 Bob Fisk, Tony Habash, Cliff Pleatman and Mike Purcell will run the game.

CHANGES Coming for Saturday Supervised Play

Starting this Sat we will be doing bridge seminars at 9:30 before we play at 10am. This week we start a Play of the Hand seminar series with Finesses by Mike Purcell.

We will also be signing in so we can do a better job matching up people of similar skill level. Game fees will also be increased to \$3 per person. For non ACBL folks that want to become members we are offering a special promotion of five free Sat morning plays and one free duplicate game play when you join the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). Dues for new members to the ACBL are \$29 and you can sign up before or after the game.

CBA Mentoring Program

The CBC mentoring program matches up more experienced players (mentors) to help newer advancing players (mentees) to improve their Bridge game. Opening night is Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. Look for more info to come on the CBA website on how to sign-up for this program.

Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday hand where 7NT makes but many have a hard time even getting to game.

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A J 9 4 2
♦ 10 5
♣ A 9 5 4

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ Q 7

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 10 7 2



♠ 8 7 5 4

♥ 10 8 5

♦ 3 2

♣ K Q 8 3

♠ A J 10

♥ K 6 3

♦ A K Q J 7 4

♣ 6

EW 7N; EW 7♥; EW 7♦; EW 2♠; EW 2♣; Par –2220

Bidding – East with 18 HCP and 6 solid diamonds opens 1♦ (12-21, 3+ diamonds). West with 9 HCP and 5 hearts responds 1♥ (6-11 HCP, 4+ hearts). East is not sure of a heart fit but needs to show their strong hand. 3♦ is the most likely rebid (18-21 HCP, 6+ diamonds). West has a hand worth at least 10 support points for diamonds but will likely look to show 5 hearts with a 3♥ rebid or at some tables 3NT. If 3NT is bid it will play there. If 3♥, East has a hand worth at least 20 support points (18 HCP plus 2 more for the singleton) but will likely settle for a 4♥ game.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a 4♥ contract, Expect a ♠K lead (K from KQ). West has 5 losers (1♠, 1♥, 3♣). They can finesse for the ♥Q and can pitch 4 losers on running diamonds. The best play is to draw trump and then runs diamonds. Generally speaking the best chance to capture the ♥Q is to finesse which fails on this lay of the cards allowing the opponents to also win a spade giving declarer 11 tricks for +650. If you go against the odds and try to drop the queen, this time you are richly rewarded with making all 13 tricks for +710.

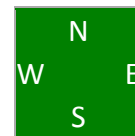
For 3NT - If you decided to play 3NT and get a club lead you will try to cash your 10 winners (1♠, 2♥, 6♦, 1♣), drop the ♥Q in the process and collect three more hearts for +720.

Post Mortem – When you have a big hand like East on this deal, you need to jump rebid to show strength to partner. If you only rebid 2♦ on this deal likely you will play there missing an easy game.

Post Mortem 2 – Why not play slam when 7♥ or 7NT makes? On this deal it is hard to communicate slam values between the two hands when your trump suit is agreed to at the 4 level. Besides, a slam is 50/50 on this deal on a spade lead (or clubs for 7NT) dependent on declarer finding the ♥Q.

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West Deals ♥ Q 7
E-W Vul ♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 10 7 2

♠ 6 2
♥ A J 9 4 2
♦ 10 5
♣ A 9 5 4



♠ A J 10
♥ K 6 3
♦ A K Q J 7 4
♣ 6

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 3 2
♣ K Q 8 3

EW 7N; EW 7♥; EW 7♦; EW 2♠; EW 2♣; Par -2220

Contract		Score Matchpoints			
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5♦	E -1	100		4.50	0.50
6♥	W -1	100		4.50	0.50
4♦	E 4		130	3.00	2.00
2♦	E 7		190	2.00	3.00
4♥	W 6		680	1.00	4.00
3NT	W 7		720	0.00	5.00
2♦	E 5		150	2.00	0.00
3♦	E 6		170	1.00	1.00
3NT	E 6		690	0.00	2.00