

Future Master Leaders

6/19 – NLM Game

1st OA: **Jerry Raulin & Jim Tewel**

(65.4%, 1.12 MP)

2nd OA: **Reeta Brendamour & Gail Zimmer**

(59.8%, 0.78 MP)

3rd OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster**

(56.36%, 0.56 MP)

4th OA: **Pam Campbell & Stacy Vanstone**

(53.5%, 0.39 MP)



6/23 – NLM NAP Qualifier Game (8 Tables)

1st NS: **Joanne & Tim Oppelt**

(58.4%, 0.72 MP)

2nd NS: **Patrick Lammers & Alex Grimm**

(57.8%, 0.50 MP)

1st EW: **Richard Koch & Penny Wilkinson**

(55.4%, 0.72 MP)

2nd EW: **Doug Reams & Joe Nurre**

(55.1%, 0.50 MP)



Be sure to check for North American Pair Qualifier Games. Extra red/Black Points. For more about the North American Pairs (NAP) go to:

http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

Upcoming Events

[June 22- 28 Sectional Indianapolis IN](#)

[June 26-28 Sectional Columbus OH](#)

[July 6-12 STaC District 11](#)

[July 25-26 NLM Sectional Lexington KY](#)

[July 31 – Aug 2 Summer Getaway Sectional Hebron KY](#)

CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM NLM

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat 9:30 AM Lecture/Supervised Play

Tuesday Night NLM Section Underway !!!

Let's get more of our friends to join us! Contact Tom Mess (tmess7023@gmail.com) and Lou Temples (lew@powderalloy.com) with any questions. Don't forget Let's Talk Bridge! at 6:30 PM.

10:30 Friday 2/1 Game Force Series

Phyllis Bishop's 10:30 2/1 seminar series continues:

June 26: Jacoby 2NT

July 3: New Minor Forcing

July 10: 4th Suit Forcing

Please come early as the seminar will start promptly at 10:30!!!

Don't forget the **Saturday Supervised play** starts at 10 AM with a talk beginning at 9:30 AM. Come early and enjoy!

Click to see the [Newcomers Bridge Series](#)

Learn to Play Bridge Software (Free)
PCs only - Not for Apple computers).

Basics: <http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb1setup.exe>

Beyond: <http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe>

Hands of the Week Steve Moese

Two Monday Evening slam hands with bidding challenges!

Board 8	♠ 5 3	
West Deals	♥ J 9 8 5 3	
None Vul	♦ A Q 6 5	
	♣ Q 6	
♠ A1098		♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ 6		♥ K Q 10 7
♦ —		♦ 9 8 4
♣ AK1087532		♣ J

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

Here West and East need to see the tricks and not just the HCP to reach an excellent slam in ♣ or ♠. Matchpoints favors Majors over minors.

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	P/2♦
4♦ ¹	P	4♥ ²	P
4N	P	5♣ ³	P
5♦ ⁴	P	6♠ ⁵	AP

1= Splinter 2=Control
3=1-4 Key Cards
4=Do you have ♠Q? 5=Yes!

West has to control themselves when partner responds 1♠. What's the best way to show partner the West hand? West can consider a direct ♠ raise.

Thinking support points, West is worth 11 HCP + 2 (Singleton) + 4 (Void) or about 17 SPs. West can jump to 3♠ and East will gladly accept. If East bids only 4♠, they will play there. East has a GF hand (11 HCP + 2 SP = 13 SP). When partner

shows 15-17 opposite your 13 SPs, one move toward slam might be worthwhile. East could consider bidding 4♥, showing a ♥ control (below game) and suggesting slam. West will be interested and a key card auction will get them to 6♠. **Note that treating West's hand as only 17 SPs grossly underestimates its trick taking potential (4 losers).**

The shown auction uses a 4♦ splinter bid – a double jump to a new suit shows a singleton or void in ♦, and 4 trumps in support of partner. When East makes a ♥ control bid, West launches RKCB and lands in the major slam.

The third way to reach the ♠ slam is to use the “Convention with no name”. This is an old proven use of an otherwise useless bidding sequence:

1♣ - 1♠ - 4♣ shows GF support with 4 trumps and a good ♣ suit (at least 6 cards). Opener implies 3 losers in the unbid suits (♥ & ♦). Here the West hand is too good for that bid. (only 1 red suit loser), and West is more interested in knowing if East has the ♥A. I think the splinter bid gets the hand across to partner very well. What do you think?

Note 6♣ is an inferior slam. A 3-1 ♣ split (50%) will likely sink your contract (♥A and ♣ loser). When you have two 9-card fits, make the 5-4 fit trumps. Use the 8-1 fit to establish long suit tricks.

Hand 2:

Board 10

♠ A Q 10 7 3	♠ —
♥ 4 3	♥ AQJ1076
♦ 10 6 3	♦ K7
♣ 8 4 3	♣ 97652
♠ J 9 8 6	♠ —
♥ K 5	♥ AQJ1076
♦ A J 9 8 2	♦ K7
♣ A K	♣ 97652



Here 2/1 bidders start with 1♥ by East and 2♦ by West. West shows GF first. Searching for a ♠ fit comes later. Why? In a competitive auction your side now knows you have a

game. If East responds 1♠ and North preempts, EW will not have communicated their combined strength and bidding become much more difficult. If the

bidding does go 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 3♦, this auction is forcing, but West has misrepresented the suit lengths. If instead West chooses to represent a 16 HCP balanced hand, the auction will likely end in 3NT or 4♥. Here's sound 2/1 auction:

E	S	W	N
1♥	P	2♦	P
2♥	P	2♠	P
3♣	P	3♥	P
4♦	P	4N	P
5♣	P	5♦	P
6♥	AP		

2♥ shows 6-cards. 2♠ shows 4 cards. 3♣ shows a 2nd suit. 3♥ confirms a fit with 2-card support (with 3, West raises 2♥ to 3). 4♦ shows the ♦K and 4N is RKCB. 5♣ shows 1 Key. 5♦ asks the ♥Q. Yes! was the answer.

Note: East showed 6♥ Cards, 4+♣ cards, and ♦ values, leaving room for at most 1 ♠ card (here a void). With 2 small ♠s, opener will not bid 4♦.

The Play – As the cards lie, setting up ♦ works. Declarer needs 2♣ discards (we can afford 1♣ loser). A better approach is to test ♣ first. Play ♣AK. When both follow you are cold for 6♥. Back to hand with the ♦K and ruff the 3rd ♣ with the ♥K. When they break 3-3, draw trumps and claim 13 tricks! You combine your chances so beautifully.

Last week we discussed slam on 20 HCP. Recall

North: ♠Q7 ♥Q1076542 ♦ - ♣10987

South: ♠AK6542 ♥AK ♦Q862 ♣6

This slam makes only because both ♠ and ♥ split evenly. On a ♣ lead and continuation, our chance of success is only 36%. A 36% slam is not worth bidding. However if North has the ♥J instead of the ♥10, our chance of success is 61%. What a difference one pip makes!

The low risk idea is to play game in preemptor's major – here ♥. Why? North's ♥s will be winners in a ♥ contract but not necessarily in a ♠ contract!

Questions? E-mail me at moesefamily@aol.com or join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM for a “Let's Talk Bridge” discussion.

[Mike Purcell will return to the Future Master Newsletter in July. Meanwhile Steve Moese will continue filling in for him.](#)