

## 9/8 – Tues 7pm NLM Game

No Game - Hopefully folks are off winning MPs at the Dayton Regional!!!



## 9/11 – Fri NLM Game

1<sup>st</sup> OA N/S: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**  
(60%, 1.10 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA N/S: **Mary Brown & Cynthia Gapen**  
(58%, 0.82 MP)

4<sup>th</sup> OA N/S: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**  
(53%, 0.35 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OB N/S: **Leonard Kanterman & Joanne Essig**  
(55%, 0.82 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OC N/S: **Joanne Oppelt & Patt Olexsey**  
(48%, 0.33 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OA E/W: **Salty Roark & Sharon Koster**  
(69%, 1.46 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA E/W: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**  
(55%, 0.62 MP)

4<sup>th</sup> OA E/W: **Annette Kereiakes & Linda Pretz**  
(52%, 0.26 MP)

1<sup>st</sup> OB E/W: **Marlene Epstein & Faye Levine**  
(52%, 0.62 MP)

2<sup>nd</sup> OB E/W: **Deborah Sontag & Reeta Brendamour**  
(51%, 0.46 MP)



## Hand of the Week

This week features a hand where you can open in NT or a suit but you better finish in a major for the best result:

### Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 4  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ Q J 9  
♣ K J 9 4

♠ A 5 3 2

♥ A K J 8 4

♦ A 2

♣ A 7



♠ Q J 10 9

♥ 5

♦ K 10 8 6 5 4

♣ 8 3

♠ K 8

♥ 9 7 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 10 6 5 2

NS 6♠; NS 4♥; NS 5♦; NS 2N; NS 1♣; Par +980

**Bidding** – North has 20 HCP with 5 hearts and 4 spades. In today bridge world, many will want to open 2NT (20-21, balanced) and while others will open 1♥ (12-21 HCP, 5+ hearts) and look to reverse later in spades ending in NT only if a major fit cannot be found. Let's look at both cases:

### 2NT Open by North

South with 6 HCP and a 4 card spade suit will respond 3♣ as Stayman asking partner for a 4 card major. North will reply 3♥. South will then bid 3NT (0-3 hearts, 4 spades). North knowing South has spades can and should correct to 4♠. A late bridge friend (Tony Viscomi) was the first to tell me Aces are for suit contracts and kings and queens are for NT. This advice has served me well over the years. North has four aces which screams for 4♠ over 3NT.

### 1♥ Open by North

South now responds 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). North has a hand worth 22 support points for spades (20 HCP plus two doubletons). With a minimum of 28 support points between the hands North should

## Upcoming Tournaments

**Flying Buckeye Regional – September 15-20**

<http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=14892>

**Cincinnati NLM Sectional – October 10-11**

<http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=21992>

## CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7PM < 2000

Tue 7PM NLM

Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle

Fri 11AM 0-10/NLM + Lecture

Sat 10AM Supervised Play

immediately go to game at 4♠. South knowing they have a spade fit can reevaluate their hand to 9 support points for spades (6 HCP, 2 for the singleton and 1 for the doubleton). Partner promised 18-21 so normally slam is not likely. However you also know partner has at least 5 hearts and 4 spades. If partner has 4 aces and any king then slam is possible if diamonds or hearts run after a ruff in the opposite hand. Too many ifs for most but at least you should be thinking about slam on this bidding.

**Play of the Hand** – Assuming 4♠ by South expect a ♦Q lead (top of sequence). Declarer has 3 losers (1♠, 1♦, 1♣). The club loser can go on the ♥K. You can finesse for the SK which loses. The diamond loser (3<sup>rd</sup> diamond after A and K) can be trumped in dummy. After that your remaining diamonds will be good. In all expect to win 12 tricks for +480 unless you were brave enough to venture slam. Then it's +980.

**Post Mortem** – In today's game you are encouraged to open NT on many 5-4-2-2 patterns. North's hand on this deal though with "Aces and Spaces" will most often play much better in a suit. I note on this deal a club lead from the defense actually sets 3NT but even if defense fails to find this lead N-S will get a poor result in 3NT over 4S making 2 overtricks.

Contract			Score		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5 ♠ N 6	480		10.00	2.00		
4 ♠ S 6	480		10.00	2.00		
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4 ♠ S 5	450		7.00	5.00		
4 ♠ S 4	420		5.50	6.50		
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3 NT S 3	400		4.00	8.00		
4 ♠ S -1		50	2.00	10.00		
3 NT N -1		50	2.00	10.00		
3 NT N -1		50	2.00	10.00		
3 NT N -2		100	0.00	12.00		
6 ♠ S 6	980		6.93	0.07		
4 ♠ S 4	420		5.79	1.21		
2 ♠ N 5	200		4.64	2.36		
3 NT N -1		50	2.36	4.64		
3 NT N -1		50	2.36	4.64		
3 NT N -1		50	2.36	4.64		
5 ♠ S -2		100	0.07	6.93		
4 ♠ N 4	420		1.00	0.00		
2 NT N -1		50	0.00	1.00		

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