

4/19 – Tues 7pm NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Anirudh & Arun Pandit**

(58%, 2.92 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Joan Mehl & Richard Koch**

(56%, 1.92 MP)

1st OB N/S: **Patt Olexsey & Jan Thurnau**

(53%, 1.31 MP)

2nd OB N/S: **David Elliott & Carla Runda**

(52%, 0.55 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Reeta Brendamour & Pam Campbell**

(56%, 1.92 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Stephen Felson & Robert Brown**

(56%, 1.23 MP)

3rd OA E/W: **Judy Barron & Liz Lin**

(55%, 0.92 MP)

1st OB E/W: **Pamela Kennedy & Gail Zimmer**

(53%, 0.98 MP)

2nd OB E/W: **Lou Temples & James Hunkler**

(53%, 0.74 MP)



4/15 – Fri 11am NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**

(65%, 0.64 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Dorothy Comassar & Kathy Rice**

(54%, 0.45 MP)

3rd OA N/S: **Leonard Kanterman & JoAnne Essig**

(53%, 0.32 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Sandra Fielman & Mike Burns**

(62%, 0.64 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Patt Olexsey & Joanne Oppelt**

(58%, 0.45 MP)

3rd OA E/W: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**

(55%, 0.32 MP)

3rd OB E/W: **Dixie White & Beth Wales**

(51%, 0.28 MP)

1st OC E/W: **James Barrett & Clare Hoesl**

(50%, 0.24 MP)

2nd OC E/W: **Fran Hamilton & Eliane Rothstein**

(45%, 0.17 MP)



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

SAT Supervised Play RESUMES April 23!!!!

Regular 9:30 seminar with 10 am game to follow.

Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday night deal where 23 HCP is more than enough for a NT game:

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 4

♥ Q J 9 2

♦ 5 3 2

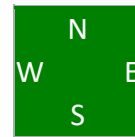
♣ J 6 2

♠ K 10 6 5 3

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A Q 10

♣ 9 3



♠ Q

♥ K 10 7 4

♦ 6 4

♣ A K Q 10 7 5

♠ A 8 7 2

♥ A 8

♦ K J 9 8 7

♣ 8 4

EW 4N; EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 4♣; EW 1♦; Par -430

Bidding – This was an interesting deal at the CBA Awards Party Tuesday Night (4/19). My partner sitting East with 14 HCP and a solid 6 card club suit opens 1♣ (12-21 HCP, 3+ clubs). At my table South bids 1NT to show a hand with a four card major and 5 card minor. This is an unusual treatment of a 1NT overcall but that happens a lot in the open game. Playing West I suspect South has hearts and diamonds given my holding. I have 9 HCP and 5 not so great spades but a diamond holding that should play very well. I decided to double South's 1NT to show values and penalty oriented against NT. If they rebid spades I can double again for penalty. If they bid hearts I can bid my spades safely. North passes. My partner rebids 2♥. This is a reverse showing at least 4 hearts, 5+ clubs and 15-21 HCP. Partner only has 14 HCP but with a great club suit this is a fine bid. South passes. I am sad my partner could not pass to

see if North would rebid spades for me. Since that did not happen I need to reassess my hand now that partner has more points with long clubs and hearts. My 9 HCP are well placed against diamonds and spades leading me to favor a NT contract. It is important that I bid them first to make the opponents lead into my diamond and spade holdings on opening lead. Unfortunately I only have 2 clubs for partner so I cannot assume an 8 card club fit from the bidding. I settle for a 2NT call (8-10 HCP). Partner rebids 3♣ showing a 6 card suit. That is all I need to bid on to a 3NT game. Why? I know we have at least 8 clubs and a suit we can develop to make the contract. Just as important I know I can stop diamonds three times without losing a trick. We may have 9 tricks just in these two suits!! Likely I can stop spades twice while only losing 2 tricks. This should give me plenty of time to set up clubs and make my contract.

If South only bids 1♦ or double – West can respond 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). East should feel their ♠Q will have value and can still reverse with a 2♥ rebid. West should not expect 3 card spade support is a reasonable possibility when this happens. Best to rebid 2NT as before. East will still rebid 3♣ and West knowing the opponent’s diamonds are in the right place (South hand) can bid on to 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a ♦3 (middle from 3 cards to partner’s diamond suit), declarer (West) has 8 winners (2♦, 6♣). Declarer can win another diamond with a second finesse. Declarer can also develop a spade by forcing out the ♠A to setup the ♠K in hand. To get both tricks make sure to develop the spade before taking the diamond finesse. Otherwise you may have a hard time getting back to your hand to win your well-deserved overtrick and +430.

Post Mortem – We see all the time in suit contracts how you can make game with not many HCP. This hand shows how you can do it in NT. East has a great 6 card club suit that is likely to run. That is clearly worth more than the 9 HCP they have in the suit.

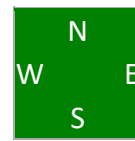
West’s diamond holding of AQ10 can take three tricks without losing any if South has the missing honors. This is clearly worth more than 6 HCP. Add both features together and you can see how a 23 HCP East-West holding will not only make game but actually yield an overtrick.

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♦ 5 3 2
♣ J 6 2

♠ K 10 6 5 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ 9 3



♠ Q
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 6 4
♣ A K Q 10 7 5

♠ A 8 7 2
♥ A 8
♦ K J 9 8 7
♣ 8 4

EW 4N; EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 4♣; EW 1♦; Par -430

			Contract		Score Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠	W	-2	100		7.00	0.00
2 ♣	E	3		110	5.50	1.50
2 ♠	W	2		110	5.50	1.50
2 ♣	E	4		130	4.00	3.00
3 NT	W	4		430	2.50	4.50
3 NT	W	4		430	2.50	4.50
3 NT	W	5		460	1.00	6.00
3 NT×	W	3		550	0.00	7.00
2 ♣	E	3		110	7.00	0.00
4 ♣	E	4		130	3.50	3.50
2 ♣	E	4		130	3.50	3.50
3 ♣	E	4		130	3.50	3.50
2 ♣	E	4		130	3.50	3.50
2 ♣	E	4		130	3.50	3.50
3 ♣	W	4		130	3.50	3.50
2 ♣	E	5		150	0.00	7.00