

5/10 – Tues 7pm NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Alex Grimm & Patrick Lammers**
(55%, 0.56 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **David Elliott & Carla Runda**
(52%, 0.39 MP)

3rd OA N/S: **Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns**
(51%, 0.28 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Gail Zimmer & Jan Polk**
(58%, 0.56 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Elva Jung & Liz Lin**
(52%, 0.39 MP)

3rd OA E/W: **Salty Roark & Richard Koch**
(51%, 0.28 MP)

1st OB E/W: **Darleen Young & Evelyn McCarthy**
(50%, 0.18 MP)



5/6 – Fri 11am NLM Game

1st OA N/S: **Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron**
(58%, 0.64 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Stephen Baldwin & Terry Raulin**
(55%, 0.45 MP)

3rd OA N/S: **Patrick Lammers & Gail Zimmer**
(53%, 0.32 MP)

1st OB N/S: **Betty Murdock & Erin Oblinger**
(51%, 0.40 MP)

2nd OB N/S: **Fran Hamilton & Elaine Rothstein**
(48%, 0.28 MP)

1st OA E/W: **Reeta Brendamour & Linda Pretz**
(67%, 0.64 MP)

2nd OA E/W: **Paul De Percin & Jan Thurnau**
(57%, 0.48 MP)

3rd OA E/W: **Louise Wolf & Liz Lin**
(52%, 0.32 MP)

2nd OB E/W: **Debra Chavez & Carolyn Murray**
(50%, 0.34 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

Tuesday Night Special

5/17 \$1 Pizza with entry. Board a Match Teams

Upcoming Tournaments

Lexington Sectional - May 13–15

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?tourid=15046>

Indianapolis Sectional - May 20–22

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?tourid=24193>

Cincinnati Regional - May 30–June 5

<http://www.cincybridge.com/CincinnatiFlyingPigHomePage.html>

Hand of the Week

This week features a Friday deal where we finally favor the minors for slam:

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ 4 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

♠ A K 10 2

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 7 3

♣ Q 10



♠ 9 8 7 6 3

♥ 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ K 9 6 4

♠ J

♥ A K 9 8 7

♦ A 9 8 6

♣ A J 2

NS 7N; NS 7♦; NS 6♥; NS 5♠; NS 4♣; Par +1520

Bidding – North with 13 HCP opens 1♦ (12-21 HCP, 3+ diamonds). South with 17 HCP should immediately be thinking game at a minimum and slam if a trump fit is found or partner has extra values for 6 or 7NT. South can start with a 1♥ response (6+ HCP, 4+ hearts). North will rebid 1♠ (4 spades typically). South now has a bidding dilemma. They still want to be in hearts if partner has 3 card support. They want to investigate this and make sure partner cannot pass short of game at least. In basic Standard American you can lie a little by rebidding 2♣ (4+ clubs, 10+ HCP, forcing) or 3♥ (6+ hearts, game forcing). You can

also bid directly to game (3NT) or pursue slam in diamonds as partner must have at least 4 diamonds in this auction since they do not have 4 hearts for you. You can pursue slam in diamonds as your hand is worth at least 19 support points if diamonds are trump. I hate giving up on hearts though so I would choose to lie a little and rebid 2♣. North will now bid 2♦ to show their 5+ card diamond suit and denying 3 card heart support. Confident that we don't have a heart fit and knowing the South hand is now worth 20 support points (one more for extra trump) asking for aces or key cards and getting to 6♦ is a reasonable result.

If you play Fourth Suit Forcing to Game – If you play this convention, the 2♣ rebid by South is artificial (says nothing about their club holding) and is forcing to game. This makes it much easier to investigate slam and does not mislead partner about our club length. North will respond 2♦ as before but now South can raise to 3♦ showing trump support and looking for slam. They do not have to fear a pass of 3♦ because they are already committed to game. Cue-bidding can now take place to more accurately figure out the correct contract. In this case you will still most likely end up in 6♦ but a few Souths may try 6NT if they know North has AK of spades to stop the opponents from running the suit.

Play of the Hand – For 6♦, North has 4 losers (2♠, 1♦, 1♣). The spades losers can be trumped in dummy. You can take finesses in diamonds and clubs to eliminate these losers. In total you will win all 13 tricks for +940. If you decided for 6NT you can take a similar play except you will need to pitch a spade loser on a winning club in dummy and finesse the ♠Q to win the 13th trick for +1020.

Post Mortem – Sometimes playing in the minors can be beneficial when you have distribution. In this case getting to 6♦ over 3NT is clearly better. Playing Fourth Suit Forcing to Game

(http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/Commonly_Used_Conventions/4thsuitforcing.pdf) can help

you investigate the right contract and level without fear of being passed by partner short of game.

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♥ 4 2
♦ K 5
♣ K 9 6 4

♠ J
♥ A K 9 8 7
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ A J 2

NS 7N; NS 7♦; NS 6♥; NS 5♠; NS 4♣; Par +1520

Contract			Score		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT	S	7	1020		12.00	0.00
6 NT	N	6	990		11.00	1.00
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
6 ♦	N	7	940		7.50	4.50
3 NT	S	7	520		3.50	8.50
3 NT	N	7	520		3.50	8.50
3 NT	N	5	460		2.00	10.00
3 ♦	N	7	190		1.00	11.00
3 ♦	N	6	170		0.00	12.00
6 ♦	N	6	920		5.00	0.00
3 NT	S	6	490		4.00	1.00
3 NT	S	5	460		3.00	2.00
5 ♦	N	7	440		2.00	3.00
3 NT	N	4	430		1.00	4.00
6 ♥	S	-1		50	0.00	5.00