

Welcome!

Here's our new CBA Weekly 99er Newsletter! We hope you'll find useful information about the CBA and duplicate bridge at the Bridge Center.

Last Weeks Winners

Congratulations to Peg Jervis and Pat Lindeman on first place for their 60.33% game. Mark Mitchell and Gail Zimmer led the 0-20 MP Flight with a 53.18 % game. Well done!

New CBA Seminar Series

The CBA is offering the new CBA Seminar Series beginning in January 2012. The 99er series will cruise the convention card and touch on topics in declarer play and defense over 48 weeks. Some Tuesdays are not scheduled due to known tournament conflicts. Be sure to call your friends and have them to join us for a fun evening. Check the website for details: http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/2012_CBA_Seminar_Series2.html

99er Seminar Tues Jan 10 - Stayman

Steve Moese will lead this week's discussion on Stayman. Go to the web and read the handouts ahead of time. Print your own copy!

Grand National Teams Qualifiers!!

Mark **Saturday Jan 28** on your bridge calendar. Get your team to Kettering OH for a great way to win Gold Points! Winners in Flight C get a stipend and represent District 11 in the Summer Nationals in Philadelphia PA! Check out: <http://www.mvba.com/GNT%20How%20it%20Works.pdf>

Area Tournaments This Month

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| Jan 6 – 8 | Columbus OH | S |
| Jan 11 – 15 | Independence OH | R |
| Jan 20 – 22 | Lexington KY | S |
| Jan 28 – 29 | GNT Kettering, OH | R/N |

Go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/> for details. S=sectional R=Regional N=National

Thinking About Stayman...

Invented by Jack Marx and George Rapee this is one of the most used bridge conventions. You know Invitational Stayman (8+ HCP and a 4-card major). There's more! As players adopt new

conventions (Jacoby Transfers, 4-suit transfers) Stayman has grown. ← Here's a hand that looks more like a nightmare. If partner opens 1NT (15-17) what do you do? With

16-18 HCP between you, partner is likely in for

trouble in 1NT. Try **GARBAGE**

STAYMAN. Bid 2♣ and pass whatever partner bids! At 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ your hand offers tricks.

Change the hand and you can't play in 2♦. Play **CRAWLING STAYMAN!** You pass any major suit reply by partner, and if partner bids 2♦ denying a 4-card major, you bid 2♥! (In normal Stayman that's how you'd invite with a 5-card ♥ suit). Use **CRAWLING STAYMAN** with weak 44 Major hands. (A 5-card ♥ suit with 4 ♠s is a plus)! *With a weak hand and only a 5 card major use the Jacoby Transfer – see next week!* Partner corrects to 2♠ if they hold only 2 cards in ♥s. You will play in at least a 4-3 fit!

Back to that 1st hand. I held this 20 HCP hand opposite partner's 1 HCP! I opened 2N, and partner responded 3♣ Stayman, I bid 3♦ (denying a 4-card major). Partner bids 3♥ to show 5 ♥s and a forcing hand (I have only 20 or 21 HCP, too narrow for an invitation) and we played in 4♥ making 5. We won 13imps on this hand in the GNT qualifier. Never underestimate the value of playing Stayman! Send me any comments or questions! We want to hear from you.

Regards,
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