

## Last Week's Leaders

### 2/11 Saturday 0-20 MP

1<sup>st</sup> overall : **John & Elizabeth Williams** (62.5%).

2<sup>nd</sup> overall: **Issac Stephani & JD Kurtzman** (54.2%)

### 2/14 Tuesday Eve 99er

1<sup>st</sup> overall: **Liz Linn & Howard Schumacher** (57.7%)

1<sup>st</sup> 0-20 MP: **Gail Zimmer & Mark Mitchell** (57.1%)

**Tuesday Evening CBA Seminar Series** AJ Stephani leads a review of Major Suit raises Tue Eve 2/21 @ 6:30 PM. AJ is a Life Master and CBA Board President, and attends Nationals frequently. He played in the Vanderbilt Cup in Louisville.

5-Card Maj Inv/Forcing Raises Feb 21 **AJ Stephani**

5-Card Maj - Jacoby 2NT Feb 28 **Everett Kitchen**



## CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM CBA Wed Homestyle 11:00 AM CBA

Tues 99er 7 PM CBA **Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC**

Thurs NLM 7 PM CBA **1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC**

**NEW! - 0-20 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture at 12:30 PM)**

## Coming Area Tournaments

Mar 2 – 4 Dayton OH S

Mar 5 – 10 **Indianapolis IN R**

Mar 15 – 25 **Memphis TN NABC**

Go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

**Did You Know...** During a hand, we are entitled to information from calls, leads, and signals, as well as opponents' descriptions of their agreements. We may use information from opponent's behaviors at our own risk. We are **NOT** allowed to use our own convention card, give extra information to partner by how we behave or ask questions, use inferences from partner's behavior, or use what we overheard from other tables.

To avoid UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION:

- We bid in tempo. We think ahead so we do not hesitate more than 10 seconds.

- We do not call attention to a specific bid by opponents to show interest in that suit.

- We do not hesitate when playing a card, as if we hold a missing honor we do not hold!

We avoid these situations by asking general questions about opponents' bidding that do not call out a specific suit. We plan ahead when bidding or playing so we know what to do at our next turn.

## About Major Suit Raises

What do the last bids below have in common?

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) 1♠-P-3♠           | j) 1♠-2♣-3♠           |
| b) 1♠-P-2N           | k) 1♠-2♣-3♣           |
| c) 1♠-P-3♣           | l) 1♣-1♠-P-2♣         |
| d) 1♠-P-3♦           | m) 1♣-1♠-P-3♠         |
| e) 1♠-P-4♣ / 4♦ / 4♥ | n) 1♠-P-3♥ // 1♥-P-3♠ |
| f) 1♠-P-1N*-P        | o) P-P-1♠-P           |
| 2♣-P-3♠              | 2♣ or 2♦              |
| g) 1♠-Dbl-3♠         | p) 1♠-P-2♣-P          |
| h) 1♠-Dbl-2N         | 2♦-P-2♠               |
| i) 1♠-Dbl-Redbl-P    | q) 1♠-Dbl-P-1♠        |
| 2♦-P-2♠              | P-2♠                  |

In the "A" Game these bids can be major suit raises! Many agreements are alertable – **ASK!!**

- Bergen Preemptive Raise (0-4 HCP w/ 4 Trumps)
- Balanced Game Force+. Jacoby 2NT.
- Bergen Raise. Constructive 7-9 HCP 4 Trumps
- Bergen Raise. Limit 10-11 HCP 4 Trumps
- Splinter Raises. 0/1 in suit bid, 12-15 HCP, 4 trumps. Extended Bergen: Artificial raises, NOT splinters.
- Limit Raise 3 trumps, 10-11 HCP
- Preemptive raise. 0-4 HCP and 4+ Trumps
- Jordan. 4 trumps limit raise (10-11) or better (12+).
- 3 card limit raise.
- Preemptive Raise
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- Preemptive Raise
- Extended Bergen Raises: Hidden Splinter (artificial)
- Fit Drury. 2♣=3 trumps, 2♦=4 trumps 10-11 HCP
- GF Raise 3 Trumps (2/1 Game Force Auction)
- 17-19 HCP 4 trump raise. Double then bid = a big hand.

## Strengths of Common Raises

Type # Trumps	HCP	Type # Trumps	HCP
Preemptive 4+	0-4	Game Force 3+	12-15
Weak 3+	5-6	Slam Interest 3+	16-19
Constructive 3+	7-9	Slam 3+	20+
Limit 3+	10-11		

Support Points (HCP + Distribution) can substitute for HCP when raising partner (8+ Card fit).

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