

Last Week's Leaders

2/21 Tuesday Eve 99er

1st overall: **Liz Linn & Howard Schumacher** (63.9%)

1st 0-20 MP: **R. Horvitz & M. Collins** (50.4%)

Play the New 0-20 MP Saturday Aft Game!
40 MP Mentors can play with 0-10 Mentees.

Tuesday Evening CBA Seminar Series Ev Kitchen leads a review of Jacoby 2NT Tue Eve 2/28 @ 6:30 PM. Ev is a Life Master and CBA Board Secretary Emeritus. He enjoys playing local tournaments.

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

5-Card Maj - Splinter Bids Mar 6 **Patrick Hoffman**

Minors - Inv & Forcing Raises Mar 13 **Amitabh Raturi**

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... There are many bidding systems played around the world. Standard American and 2/1 Game Force are very popular in North America. Forcing Club systems are very old, tracing their roots back to the dawn of Contract Bridge (Harold Vanderbilt in the late 1920's). It's impossible to know every possible bidding system. ACBL makes it our responsibility to clearly explain our agreements, and to alert conventions and treatments according to current rules. **When alerting partner's bids we must NOT alert any REBID above the level of 3N.** When making conventional bids that high, we inform your opponents after the auction ends. They are responsible to ask what bids mean during the auction. This keeps unauthorized information out of artificial auctions (we cannot remind partner of our agreements by our alerts). Did you know that any minimum ♣ call over a NT opening bid is no longer alertable? This means if you play Puppet Stayman over 2NT, you alert the response not the 3♣ bid (1N-P-3♣ Puppet Stayman is still an **alert**).

Jacoby 2NT

Eddie Kantar's Thinking Bridge series appears in the NABC Bulletins given out at ACBL NABC National Tournaments. Here's one showing the Jacoby 2NT in action with a good test of declarer play and defense (*Originally published page 3 Monday July 25, 2011 Toronto Summer Nationals*):

South Deals	♠KJ10 ♥K986 ♦AQJ ♣543	None Vul								
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South West North East

1♥ Pass 2NT Pass

4♥ All Pass

West led ♠K.

South opens 1♥ and North with 4♥s and opening count in a balanced hand bids 2NT – the Jacoby Forcing Raise. South answers 4♥ – Fast Arrival – saying they hold a minimum opening bid and no shortness or side 5-card suit.

Cover the East West hands and decide how you play after the ♠K lead. Ducking the ♠K (West plays the ♣2) causes East to switch (West denied the ♣A). West chooses the ♦2. Now declarer must go up with the ♦A, draw trumps, and drive out the ♠A. When East wins the ♠A s/he will continue with a ♣. South must win the ♣A and pitch the losing ♣ on the established ♠s. If you finesse ♦s at trick 2 and it loses, you will go down in a cold game – opponents will score 2♣ tricks, ♠A, and ♦K. Try it!

Read Eddie Kantar's original article here:

<http://www.acbl.org/nabc/2011/02/bulletins/db4.pdf>

See the NABC Bulletins here:

<http://www.acbl.org/play/nabc3.php>

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