

Last Week's Leaders

2/25 0-20

1st overall: **TJ & Bill** (70%) **WOW!!**

2/28 Tuesday Eve 99er

1st overall: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones** (62.7%)



	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-20	3 Mar	Jim	Which Suit to
	Sat	12:30	Myers	Respond
	99er	6 Mar	Pat	Splinter Bids
	Tue	6:30	Hoffman	
	NLM	5 Mar	Steve	Interference over
	Mon	6:30	Moese	our 1NT

Jim Myers is a Live Master and golfer and plays area tournaments regularly. Pat Hoffman is a CBA Board Member and NLM leader. Ask Pat about ballroom dancing.

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 5 – 10 **Indianapolis IN** **R**
Mar 15 – 25 **Memphis TN** **NABC**
Go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

Did You Know... Splinter bid happen in many auctions. Splinters are a double jump by responder (1st bid) or a single jump by either partner when a simple new suit would be forcing. Splinters promise a 9-card trump fit & show 0/1 card in the target suit. This way partner knows how many of our HCP are working in the remaining 3 suits (our length). Some examples:

1♥/♠ – (3♠)/ 4♣/♦/(♥) or 1♠-P-1♠-P-4♦	Standard 0/1 splinter
1♥ – 2♣ or 1♠-2♥ 3♠ 4♣/♦	After 2/1 GF, single jump might show shortness
2♣-2♦ 2♠-4♣/♦/♥	Can be a splinter even in a 2♣ Auction!
1♦-1♠-P-4♣	Again, Splinter!
1N – 2♣ or 1♥/♠ – 3♠/♥ 2♥ – 3♠	Might announce a HIDDEN Splinter. Ask!

When defending it's almost never best to lead the splinter suit. Lead a trump to cut down ruffs or one of the unbid suits to score quick winners instead.

0-20 Corner by Mike Purcell →see page 2

Splinter Bids

Philip Alder published this gem in the NY Times on January 20, 2011:

North Deals	♠ AK95 ♥ K98 ♦ A9654 ♣ A	Both Vul								
♠ 1062 ♥ 10 ♦ QJ87 ♣ K6432	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>♠ QJ7</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>♥ 542</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>♦ K3</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>♣ QJ975</td></tr> </table>	N	♠ QJ7	E	♥ 542	W	♦ K3	S	♣ QJ975	
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E	♥ 542									
W	♦ K3									
S	♣ QJ975									
	♠ 843 ♥ AQJ763 ♦ 102 ♣ 108									

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
West led ♠2.			

but no real controls to bid. 4N is RKB 1430 and 5♣ shows 1 or 4 Key cards. The ♠ lead is won in dummy and a ♦ ducked immediately. The ♠ return is won in dummy and ♥ led to the ♥A. The ♦A and a ♦ ruff (high) taken. Declarer uses ♣A and ♥s to enter dummy and Establish the 5th ♦ for the 12th trick. **Moral: when you bid like an expert you have to play like one too!**

See the original article at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/20/crosswords/bridge/20card.html>

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

Comments? Suggestions? Contact Steve Moese at moese.sa@pg.com



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Thanks to everyone for playing this Saturday. It was good to see 3 tables, and even better to play 20 boards. Congratulations to **TJ & Bill** for 1st place (70% Game) and **Jack & Elizabeth Williams** for 2nd (55% Game)! Also a warm welcome to new players Salty Roark, Sharon Koster, Hanna Podratz, and Sonia Daoud.

Here's a Post Mortem on the Saturday game comparing how we do versus the open section (the "Big Game"). Here are some hands where we can bring out best practices. Results for Saturday's hands on the CBA website <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120225A.HTM>. Next 0-20 MP Seminar March 3 (12:30 PM) is on [Which Suit to Respond? Showing Your Pattern and Strength](#). Jim Myers will be our speaker and I will be running the 0-20 section. Hope to see you there.

Board 1 ♠ A 10
 North Deals ♥ 10 7 3
 None Vul ♦ A K 9 4
 ♣ A 10 9 4

♠ Q J 5 4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ 9 8 7 6
N		E				
W		S				
♥ A J		♥ Q 9 8 4 2				
♦ 10 8 7		♦ Q 6				
♣ J 7 6 5	♣ 3 2					
		♠ K 3 2				
		♥ K 6 5				
		♦ J 5 3 2				
		♣ K Q 8				

Bidding - Everyone in the open section played 3NT in the North while no one in our section got to game. Standard American bidding with 15-17 NT opening would go 1NT-3NT. If you play 16-18 NT then North opens 1D. Most South's with 12 HCPs in the open game would bid 3NT directly (12+15=27). After a 1D opening, South will bid 2N and North will bid 3N. Note: In matchpoint pairs, NT scores better than a minor. Getting a good score means beating the other pairs. Players bias toward NT and Majors and tend to ignore minor suit games

unless absolutely necessary. Minor Suits require 11 tricks to 9 for NT games and score 20 points per overtrick compared to 30 for NT/Majors. **Play of the Hand** – This is not an easy hand to play. Most East's lead a ♥ and West will cash the ♥A and lead back the ♥J. Smart North's will let West to win the ♥J which end-plays West and preserves North's ♥K. Then North can safely develop the ♦ suit for at least 3 or 4 tricks, plus 2 ♠s, 1 ♥ and 3 ♣s for 9-10 tricks without fear of opponents running ♥s.

Board 12 ♠ J 8 5 2
 West Deals ♥ A J 9 5
 N-S Vul ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ K 4

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♥ K 6		♥ Q 8 3				
♦ A Q 10		♦ K 9 8 6 3				
♣ J 6 5	♣ Q 10 9					
		♠ 7 3				
		♥ 10 7 4 2				
		♦ 5 4				
		♣ A 8 7 3 2				

Bidding – Another hand where most of the open section bid and made 3NT. Here West can open either 1♠ or 1NT. If they open 1♠, East should bid 2♦ showing 11+-HCP. West should bid 3NT showing 5332 shape. If West opens 1NT, East with 10 HCPs should immediately bid 3NT. In the open section, four West's opened 1NT, two opened 1♠.

Play of the Hand – West's best suit is ♦s. Assuming a good ♦ break you have 5 ♦s, 3 ♠s, and either 1 ♥ or 1 ♣ depending on which suit opponents attack.

Bd 1	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT N	460		7.94	0.06
3 NT N	430		5.13	2.88
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3 NT N	400		1.19	6.81
3 NT N	400		1.19	6.81
3 NT N	400		1.19	6.81
5 ♦ N	400		2.00	0.00
3 ♦ N	130		1.00	1.00
2 NT N	120		0.00	2.00

0-20 section in blue

Bd 12	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 ♦ W		110	7.94	0.06
2 ♠ W		170	6.81	1.19
3 NT E		400	5.69	2.31
3 NT W		430	3.44	4.56
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3 NT W		460	0.63	7.38
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3 NT W	100		2.00	0.00
3 ♦ W		130	1.00	1.00
2 NT E		150	0.00	2.00

0-20 section in blue

Board 14 ♠ Q 8 7 6 5 4
 East Deals ♥ 6 5
 None Vul ♦ K 8 3 2
 ♣ 8

♠ A J 10 9		♠ 2
♥ A		♥ J 9 7
♦ J 10 5		♦ A Q 6
♣ A Q J 10 2		♣ K 9 7 5 4 3

♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8 4 3 2
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ 6

Bidding – East-West can make 7 ♣s on this hand. Kudos to the Williams for getting to 6♣!!! Only one other open section pair got to slam. Well done!!! Why was it so hard to bid slam: Preempts by opponents. Most South’s will open 3♥ in front of West making it hard to explore for slam. What can West bid over 3♥? Start with a takeout double. This initially shows 11+ HCP and support for 3 unbid suits. I partner does not bid ♠s, then rebid ♣s to show at least 17+ HCPs and a good ♣ suit. This allows you the best chance to find a 4-4 ♠ fit. If

Bd 14	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♣ E	190	7.94	0.06	
5 ♣ E	440	5.13	2.88	
5 ♣ W	440	5.13	2.88	
5 ♣ E	440	5.13	2.88	
5 ♣ W	440	5.13	2.88	
3 ♥ x S	500	2.31	5.69	
4 ♥ x S	800	1.19	6.81	
6 ♣ E	940	0.06	7.94	
3 ♥ S	50	2.00	0.00	
3 NT W	400	1.00	1.00	
6 ♣ W	940	0.00	2.00	

partner bids ♠s, a single raise of ♠s by you shows 17-19 HCP! Of course this East has a maximum hand with ♣s, not ♠s. Most Easts will jump to 5♣ and some Wests will consider 6♣. If West decides to bid 4♣ over South then East can strongly consider exploring for a ♣ slam with 10 HCPs plus a singleton ♠ and lots of extra trump for partner.