

Last Week's Leaders

3/31 0-30 MP

1st OA - Alice Kitzmiller & Liza Benham (57.5%)

2nd OA - Kaye Neal & Sharon Koster (55%)



Tuesday Eve 99er

1st OA: Joe Kammer & Gail Zimmer (70.4%) **WOW!!!**

2nd OA: Richard Koch & Liz Linn (62.5%)

	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-30	7 Apr	Pat	1N-Jacoby
	Sat	12:30	Hoffman	Transfers
	99er	10 Apr	John	New Minor Forcing
	Tue	6:30	Burpee	
	NLM	30 Apr	Steve	Weak Jump Shifts
	Mon	6:30	Moese	

Pat is a Non Life Master, CBA Board Member, and plays often in area tournaments! John Burpee is a Life Master, Past CBA Board Member, and frequently plays local tournaments.

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

0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture at 12:30 PM)

Area Tournaments

Apr 9 - 15 D11 STaC Cincinnati S

Apr 16 - 22 **Gatlinburg, TN** R

May 7 - 12 **CINCINNATI FLYING PIG REGIONAL**

For Details go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

Don't forget the [STaC April 9-15](#) at the CBC. The Gatlinburg Regional begins April 16th – it's the largest Regional in the Nation! Got Gold? Don't forget to [volunteer](#) for our [Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional](#) May 7-12.

From Fortunately, Winning was Hardly the Point

By Philip Alder May 16, 2010 New York Times

Here's another example of the Inverted Minor Raise in action. This hand was originally reported by Mr. Philip Alder in the New York Times. Jill Rosen sat South and bid and made this game in the UJA-Federation of New York Charity program. Kent Mignocchi was her partner. "After Mignocchi (North) opened with only 11 high card points, Rosen made an inverted minor-suit raise, promising at least 10 support points promising at least 10 support points with, usually, 5 or more ♣s,

<p>North Deals NS Vul</p>	<p>♠ J1076 ♥ KJ87 ♦ A9 ♣ Q64</p>	<p>♠ A8432 ♥ Q642 ♦ 84 ♣ J8</p>	
<p>♠ K9 ♥ A109 ♦ QJ10652 ♣ 95</p>	<p>N W 7 E S</p>	<p>♠ Q5 ♥ 53 ♦ K73 ♣ AK10732</p>	
<p>North 1♣ Pass Pass</p>	<p>East Pass 3♦ Pass</p>	<p>South 2♣¹ Pass Pass</p>	<p>West 2♦ 3N</p>

West led ♦Q.
1= Inverted Minor Raise

and denying a 4-card major. When West overcalled 2♦s, North passed to show a mini-mum opening bid. The professional raised aggressively to 3♦s. South, refusing to buckle, tried 3 no-trump. After West led the ♦Q, South could see 8 tricks: 2♦ and 6 ♣s. The ninth would presumably have to come from ♥s. And, preferring not to delay the inevitable,

declarer took the 1st trick in her hand with the ♦K and immediately played a ♥ to dummy's ♥K. When that held, Rosen took her 9 tricks, plus 600 being a 2nd top on the board. (One North-South collected an 800 penalty.)"

South knew that North held a majority of their HCP in the Majors. With a known 9-card fit, South counted 7 tricks in her hand and expected partner to offer 2 to make nine. What was left was to win the race to 9 tricks. Notice how experts do not burden themselves with HCPs when they can count tricks and stoppers in key suits. Would you bid and make this 23 HCP game?

See the original article at:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/20/arts/20card.html>

We have expanded the
Saturday 1 PM Game to 0-30 MPs!

**Play the 0-30 MP Sat. Aft Game!
40 MP? Mentor a 0-10 Player .**

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

0-30 Corner – Mike Purcell 513 702 4007 mikpur@cinci.rr.com

Thanks to everyone who played Saturday. It was nice to have 3 full tables. The more players, the more masterpoints (MP) you can earn. Next week Pat Hoffman will give the 12:30 seminar on [1 NT - Jacoby Transfers](#) .I will run the 0-30 game. You do not need a partner - we always have a standby available. Let me know in advance if you need a partner. I will try to find one for you.

2PM GAME CHANGE FOR SAT APRIL 14th ONLY- We will NOT have a regular 0-30 MP Game. There is a SPECIAL sectional-rated pair game at 2PM. There will be a non-life master section (0-299 MP) for this game and silver masterpoints available. Game Fee is \$9 for this special event. The regular 12:30 start will resume April 21st. If you have questions, please contact me.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 5 4	
♥ Q	
♦ 8 6 4 2	
♣ Q J 7 2	

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

	♠ 10 7 2
EW 7♥; 6N;	♥ J 10
6♦; 5♠; 2♣	♦ J 10 5
	♣ K 8 6 5 4

This week we take a look at 2 distributional slam hands that make with 27 and 24 HCP. **Bidding** – This hand makes 7♥ - everything is in the right place. In Standard American bidding, West will pass and East will open 1♥ with 17 HCP. West hand is now worth about 14 points in support of ♥s: 10 HCP, 2 for the club singleton and 2 more 2 for extra ♥ length. West must push for at least game but cannot bid 4♥ directly because we reserve 4♥ directly for very weak hands with 5 or more ♥s. West can bid 1♠ and look to raise to 4♥ at the next opportunity. After 1♠, East will rebid 3♦ fully showing a 16-18 HCP hand with at least 5 ♥s and 4 ♦s. Now West knows together we have 30-32 support points for ♥s, likely further support points with inferred ♠ shortness in East and they know their ♦K is working. Bid 4NT to ask for aces. East will bid 5♠ = 3 Aces. West can then ask for kings but will likely settle for 6♥ unless they know East has the ♥K.

		Scores		Matchpoints	
Bd 4	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
4♥ E		710	6.81	1.19	
5♥ E		710	6.81	1.19	
4♥ E		710	6.81	1.19	
6♥ E		1460	2.31	5.69	
6♥ E		1460	2.31	5.69	
6♥ E		1460	2.31	5.69	
6♥ E		1460	2.31	5.69	
6♥ E		1460	2.31	5.69	
2♥ E		260	2	0	
4♥ E		710	0.5	1.5	
4♥ W		710	0.5	1.5	

If you play Splinter Bids – Splinter bids are typically used over partner’s major suit opening bid to help discover slams. A splinter bid is a double jump shift showing: opening hand or equivalent, 4 or more trumps for partner, single or void in the suit bid and 1st or 2nd round control in the other side suits. West has a 4♣ splinter bid directly over East 1♥ open. East knows they have no club losers and no ♦ losers (West promises the ♦K as 2nd round control). East now needs to find ♠A (West could have just the ♠K) and ♥Q (because East only knows about a 9 card ♥ fit). East can bid 4NT as Blackwood or Roman Key Card (RKC or 1430 RKC) to discover West’s ♠A & reach 6♥. If they have further tools to ask for the ♥Q they can reach 7♥. West should promise the ♥Q because with 10 trump the Q often drops under the AK. **Post Mortem** – Most of the pairs in the open game reached 6♥ but not 7♥. If you play Standard American you can reach slam if West counts support points.

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 5 4	
♥ K 9 8 6 5 3	
♦ 4	
♣ —	

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

	♠ A 10 7 3
NS 6♠; 5♥;	♥ A
4N; 3♦; 1♣	♦ A K Q 6
	♣ Q J 9 8

Bidding – What’s better than a 27 HCP slam? How about a 24 HCP slam! Here North has an unusual 6-6 major hand. North passes and waits for a better opportunity to show this hand. South opens 1♦- 20 HCP, an unbalanced hand, & no 5-card major. With 6-6 in the majors North can assume they have at least 1 major suit fit. North’s hand is worth 10 support points: 4 HCP plus 5 points for their void and singleton plus 1 more for the extra trump. In practice the hand has 6 losers (3 ♠s, 2 ♥s & 1 ♦). Most Norths push for game. Start with a 1♠ response and look to jump to 3♥ or even 4♥ over South’s rebids. South is no minimum and raises to 4♠. North knows there could be a slam but may decide to settle for game.

		Scores		Matchpoints	
Bd 8	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
6♠ S	980		6.81	1.19	
6♠ S	980		6.81	1.19	
6♠ N	980		6.81	1.19	
4♠ S	480		4	4	
4♠ S	480		4	4	
4♠ S	450		1.75	6.25	
4♥ N	450		1.75	6.25	
4♥ N	420		0.06	7.94	
4♠ S	480		2.00	0	
4♠ S	450		0.5	1.5	
4♠ N	450		0.5	1.5	

North Responds 1♠ not 1♥: With 6-6 (or 5-5) in the majors North starts with ♠s first and look to rebid ♥s at the appropriate level to force partner to play in their preferred major. With 4-4 in the majors North responds 1♥ so South can rebid 1♠ with a 4-card ♠ suit.

Bidding for Slam: Over the 4♠ bid from South, they are many bids North could make to explore for slam. 2 possibilities are North asks for Aces hoping for 3 aces, or cue bids 1st round control in ♣s to invite slam. If North cue bids ♣s, South bids 6♠ with a max and Aces in the other suits.

Play of the Hand for 6♠ – Draw trumps, North cashes ♥A and K, ruff 1♥ in South and the rest of North’s hand is good.

Post Mortem – Usually 24 HCP is barely enough for game but if you have the correct distribution you can make slam. Note this hand makes 6♠ using only the 3 Aces from South. So this could have been a 16 HCP Slam!!!