

Last Week's Leaders

4/7 0-30 MP

1st OA - **Bill Breagy & Terri Jacobs** (61.1%)

Tuesday Eve 99er

1st OA: **Lewis Temples & F James Hunkler** (64%)

2nd OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisner** (57.5%)



	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-30	14 Apr	Mike	1N-When
	Sat	12:30	Purcell	Opponents Interfere
	99er	24 Apr	Rob	4 th Suit Forcing
	Tue	6:30	Wiedenfeld	
	NLM	30 Apr	Steve	Weak Jump Shifts
	Mon	6:30	Moese	

Rob Wiedenfeld is a Silver Life Master, Director, Bridge Teacher, and frequently plays local tournaments. This is a great opportunity to benefit from Rob's experience!

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/>

Get your Silver Points at 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 Oh, those spots (4th Suit Forcing)

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Bridge is such a fascinating game in part because you can never tell when something unusual might happen with even the most innocuous hand. On this deal from the final of the top bracket of the Charity Knockout Teams, one of the defenders made a subtle error that came back to haunt him in a big way. Malcolm Brachman, playing with Mike Passell, brought home a grand slam that should have gone down.

West led a low ♥, and East discarded a ♦. Brachman had 12 top tricks and few prospects for a 13th unless a squeeze materialized. Hoping for the best, Brachman ran off

West	♠ A1098		
Deals	♥ A96		
EW Vul	♦ A75		
	♣ 542		
		N	♠ KQJ2
♠ 753		W	♥ ---
♥ 652		E	♦ J8643
♦ Q1092		S	♣ QJ109
♣ 863			
	♠ 64		
	♥ KQJ10873		
	♦ K		
	♣ AK7		

West	North	East	South
	Passell		Brachman
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦ ¹
Pass	2♥	Pass	4N ²
Pass	5♣ ³	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led ♥2.
1= 4th Suit Forcing
2= RKCB
3= 0 or 3 Key Cards

all his trumps. East was fearful of discarding a ♠ because of dummy's imposing spots. If, for example, Brachman had a singleton ♠, he would be able to ruff out East's ♠ honors and establish his 13th trick. East was equally leery of throwing ♣s, so he discarded more ♦s as Brachman kept playing ♥s. Everything would have been all right if West had discarded 1 ♦ and his 3 low ♠s, but he let go of a low ♣ -- and it was curtains for the defense. The ♣ discard by West transferred responsibility for guarding ♣s to East, who was subjected to a black-suit squeeze in the end. Brachman chalked up plus 1510. The ♣7 was his 13th trick. After hearing that the deal was reported as a "fun hand," Brachman remarked, "It wasn't fun until the 13th trick." *South can see 12 tricks when North supports ♥s, and hopes for the ♠A to pitch the ♠ loser. The ♣ or ♦Q, or a squeeze makes 13 tricks.*

4th Suit Forcing (4SF) by Responder asks for either 3 card support for their Major and implies no NT stopper in the 4th suit. Opener's priorities are:

- 1) Raise responder's Major with 3 cards.
- 2) Bid NT with a stopper in the 4th suit.
- 3) Rebid a 6+ card 1st suit or 5+ card 2nd suit
- 4) Raise the 4th suit with 4-cards
- 5) Rebid 1st suit when no other bid works.

4SF is OFF after a Game Forcing Bid. 4SF is Game forcing or invitational (You choose). 4SF by a passed hand always invites. 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠ is NOT 4SF.

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

*Comments? Suggestions? Contact Steve Moese
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0-30 Corner – Mike Purcell 513 702 4007 mikpur@cinci.rr.com

Thanks to everyone who played Saturday. All Results for the 0-30 and open game are on the following website:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120407A.HTM>

Several folks have expressed interest in an informal game at **10AM** in the teaching room on Saturday April 14 onlt. If you are interested, you are welcome to come and I will be there to help.

****GAME CHANGE FOR SAT APRIL 14th ONLY- SPECIAL sectional-rated pair game at 2PM. Non-life master section (0-299 MP). Earn silver master points. Fee is \$9. We will NOT have a regular 0-30 MP Game. The regular 12:30 start will resume April 21st. If you have questions, please contact me.****

Here's a hand showing the power of distribution. Roman Keycard Blackwood a very powerful way to investigate slam.

Board 1
 North ♠ A K 8 6
 Deals ♥ 9 4 3 2
 None Vul ♦ 8
 ♣ K 8 7 3

♠ J 10 9 5 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ 10 9	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 ♥ Q J 8 7 5 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q J 5 2
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W E					
S					

NS 6♠; 5♦;
 5♣; 2N;
 EW 1♥

♠ Q 4 3 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ A K Q 7 5 2
 ♣ A 6 4

Bidding –North deals and South opens 1♦ holding 15 HCPs and a very distributional hand. North responds 1♥. South bids 1♠ showing their 4 card ♠ suit. North knows they have an 8 card ♠ fit and can reevaluate to 12 support points: 10 HCPs plus 2 for the ♦ doubleton. With 12 support points opposite partners 12-14 HCP open North will jump to either 3♠ (shows 10-12 and invitational to 4♠) or straight to 4♠. South's hand is worth roughly 19 support points: 15 HCPs plus 3 points for the ♥ void and at least 1 more for the great 6 card ♦ side suit. If South is responding to 3♠ by North, they should consider a "cue bid" of 4♣ showing first round control in ♣s and interest in slam but North will likely return to 4♠ where it will play. If South is responding to 4♠ by North and missing AK of spades, they should

Contract	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
Bd 1				
6♠ N	980		8	0
4♠ x N	790		7	1
4♠ S	480		5	3
4♣ S	480		5	3
4♠ S	480		5	3
4♣ S	450	2.5	5.5	
4♠ N	450		2.5	5.5
4♣ S	420		1	7
3 NT N		50	0	8
3♠ S	200		1	0
3♦ S	150		0	1

consider exploring and bidding a 6♠ slam if they play the Roman Keycard Blackwood Convention (described below).

Play of the hand – The bad 4-1 trump break makes this hand a little more difficult to play but 6♠ can still be made by drawing 3 rounds of trump and then running ♦s in the south hand until West is forced to ruff. Then you can get back to South with the ♣A and resume running ♦s to make 12 tricks. Note if opponents start with a ♣ lead you will want to win that 1st trick in the North hand to save the ♣A entry in South to get to those good ♦s.

Roman Keycard Blackwood – Roman Key is an improvement over Blackwood. The Blackwood Convention is a way to ask for partners aces and kings in exploration of slam.

<p>Standard Blackwood Responses to 4NT: 5♣ = 0 or 4 Aces (you can tell how many your partner has) 5♦ = 1 Aces 5♥ = 2 Aces 5♠ = 3 Aces If you have all 4 Aces then they can rebid 5NT to ask for kings. Responses are the same as for Aces but now at the 6 level. See: http://home.comcast.net/~kwbridge/rkc.htm</p>	<p>Roman Keycard Blackwood Responses to 4NT: 5♣ = 0 or 3 Keycards 5♦ = 1 or 4 Keycards 5♥ = 2 or 5 Keycards without the queen of trump 5♠ = 2 or 5 Keycards with the queen of trump Note: The 5 keycards are the 4 As & the trump K. With all 5 keycards you bid 5NT to ask for the 3 remaining kings. Responses are similar to Blackwood. 6♣ shows 0 kings only (4 isn't possible).</p>
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Post Mortem – I am not a big fan of playing lots of conventions but Roman Keycard Blackwood is one definitely worth adding to your partnership agreements. Knowing if you have the trump K is just as valuable as an ace when considering slam.