

Last Week's Leaders

5/26 0-30 MP

1st OA – **Salty Roark & Patricia Burnam** (65.86%)

2nd OA – **Carol Wilson & Debra Chavez** (58.05%)



5/29 Tuesday Eve 99er

1stOA: **Richard Koch & Robert Glueck** (58.6%)

2ndOA: **Patricia Sweeney & Barbara Cooper** (55.9%)

	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-30	2 Jun	Cliff	Overcalls
	Sat	12:30	Pleatman	
	99er	5 Jun	AJ	2♣: Is this a 2♣
	Tue	6:30	Stephani	Opener?
	NLM	11 Jun	Steve	Support Doubles
	Mon	6:30	Moese	

Cliff Pleatman is a Silver Life Master who plays area tournaments and is bringing bridge to High Schools. AJ Stephani is our CBA president, Bronze Life Master, & CBA education Committee member.

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

Jun 4 – 10 Toledo OH R

June 8 - 10 Indianapolis, IN S

June 22 - 24 Louisville, KY S

Jun 25 Jul 1 Cincinnati OH D11 STaC S

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

The CBA Mentor Mentee Program Key Dates:

Wednesday	Sunday
May 30, 7:00pm	June 10, 1:00pm
June 20, 7:00pm	July 8, 1:00pm
July 25, 7:00pm	August 12, 1:00pm
August 29, 7:00pm	September 9, 1:00pm

[Check the CBA website for details and NKY games.](#)

Overcalls – by Steve Moese

Once opponents have opened the bidding they seize the initiative, we have fewer HCP for our side (only 28 or fewer HCP left for 3 people), and they want to use their constructive bidding tools. We want to: attempt to buy the contract in our suit, take space out of their auction, and shift them from their comfortable constructive auction where they have full use of their bidding tools to a competitive auction where their bidding

tool kit is often more limited & less discussed. Since we need to grab back the initiative it is often good to overcall on as few as 6-8 HCP at the 1 level. When weak, we have most of the strength in our suit.. A 2-level overcall should be as good as 11 HCP unless you have extra length. If you have a **weak jump overcall**, do that. A weak jump shows 6+ cards and no defense outside the suit. Avoid a simple overcall on that type of hand. Partner will know your simple overcall is either more substantial or lead-directing. **Missing 2 of 3 top honors (A, K, or Q) overcall only if you have a near opening hand. If your partner has 2 honors in your over-call suit s/he should expect at least a good 11 HCP!!**

When partner overcalls, our response is a bit different than when responding to an opening bid. A new suit at the one level is Nonforcing constructive (8-10 HCP). 1N shows 8+ to a bad 11. 2N shows 11+ to 14. 3N should be 15-17(with a doubleton for partner's overcall suit). Jump shifts are best as preempts. **So what do we do with good hands? Cuebid opener's suit with an invitational or better raise for partner's overcall. If you happen to have a game going hand with a suit of your own, cue bid then show your suit later. This should change the support message you sent partner originally.** A useful HCP range is 8-16 for a simple overcall. Overcall on the 1 level with 8, 2-level with 11, 3 level with 14 and 4 level with 17 HCP (or compensating distribution). Remember Overcalls work hand in hand with Takeout Doubles. Hands stronger than 16 HCP would double first on any shape. Sometimes overcalling on 17-19 HCP is sound

We improve our chances at a higher score by overcalling or doubling to:

- 1) Find our fit (suit and level)
- 2) Interfere with opponents' bidding – bidding space and tools.
- 3) Suggest a defense

rebidding later. Say RHO opens 1♠:

♠K32 ♥J10982 ♦K43 ♣Q7 – Pass (11 HCP 2-level)...

♠832 ♥KQ1092 ♦KJ4 ♣73 – Pass or 2♥ (# 2&3 above)

♠832 ♥73 ♦KJ4 ♣ KQ1092- Pass (6 cds & 2HCP more)

♠3 ♥KQ102 ♦KJ84 ♣9732 – Pass (balance later)

♠3 ♥KQ102 ♦KQ84 ♣9732 – Double. **Perfect minimum.**

♠83 ♥KQJ92 ♦KQ4 ♣AK2 – Double then bid ♥s. **18 HCP**

♠8♥KQJ932 ♦KQ4 ♣AK2 – O'call ♥s then Double **18 HCP**

♠KQ2 ♥J10982 ♦KJ3 ♣K7 – Overcall 2♥ (see 1st hand).

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

I want to welcome our new players **Pam Campbell** and **Patti Ruge**. Also congratulations to our winners **Salty Roark and Patricia Burnam** in 1st (65.86%), **Carol Wilson and Debra Chavez** in 2nd (58.05%) and **Sharon Koster and Kay Neal** in 3rd (51.05%). Results are on our website at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120526A.HTM> .

Saturday June 2, **Cliff Pleatman** will lead the seminar on Overcalls (<http://www.rpbridge.net/3g00.htm>) at 12:30. This will be the last seminar on the current schedule. Thanks to player feedback we will start an exciting new 7-part Series on Defense starting June 16th. I will be send out all the material for the entire series before the 1st date so we get the most from these seminars!

Board 5

North ♠ K 10 8 6 5
 Deals ♥ Q J 6
 N-S Vul ♦ 6 4
 ♣ A Q 7

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

W N E
 S

W 3N; 2♠; ♠ 7 3
 2♥; 3♣; 1♦; ♥ 8 7 5 3
 E 2N; 2♣; ♦ Q 9 8 7 2
 1♠; 1♥ ♣ 9 2

Bidding – North opens 1♠. East has an opening hand but no suit to bid. With 4-3-3-3 distribution they do not have a good takeout double. A double typically an opening hand and 4-4-4-1 distribution (1 in the suit bid), sometimes 4-4-3-2 (2 in the suit bid). With 4-3-3-

Board 20

West ♠ Q 2
 Deals ♥ Q 7 6 3 2
 N-S Vul ♦ J 6
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

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

W N E
 S

EW 5N; 4♠; ♠ K 9 6 4
 5♦; 2♥; ♥ 10 9
 NS 1♣; ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A Q 10 8 6

3, East's hand only works if partner has values. Pass and wait for partner. South passes and many West's will bid a 1NT. In the pass out seat 1N shows a balanced 11-14 HCP hand. This is not like a direct 1NT overcall (15-18 HCP). Why not 2♣? Here the ♣ suit is not strong and West has 2 ♠ stoppers. East raises to 3NT with an opening hand. What if West bids 2♣? - East cue bids 2♠ (10+ HCP hand and ♣ support for clubs. West will bid 2NT (♠ stoppers and a good hand. East raises to 3NT. What if North passes? –East can open 1♦. West with an opener and no four card major bids 3NT. This is the easiest way to get to game. 1 more reason North should open 1♠.

Play of the Hand – Most North's will lead the ♠6 (4th best). West has 2 spades on the spade lead, 2 hearts and 2 diamonds. We need 3 more tricks and clubs is the best place to go. Here it is important to finesse clubs through South to minimize the chance they get in and play a spade. Declarer wins ♠J in dummy and leads a ♣ to the 10 to finesse both the A and Q. North will win and switch to a ♦. East can win and lead ♣s again to set up the 3 ♣ tricks to make game.

Post Mortem – When opponents open we can reach game. West makes 3NT - the hand with stoppers in the danger suit, ♠ in this case, bids NT 1st.

Bd 5	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3♦ E	150		11	0
1♠ N	80		9.5	1.5
1♠ N	80		9.5	1.5
3NT W	50		8	3
2♣ W		90	7	4
3♣ W		110	6	5
1NT E		120	5	6
2♣ W		130	3.5	7.5
3♣ W		130	3.5	7.5
1♠ N		200	2	9
3NT W		430	0.5	10.5
3NT W		430	0.5	10.5
2NT W	100		3	00
4♣ W		130	2	1
3NT E		400	1	2
3NT W		460	0	3

Bidding – West opens 1♦. East responds 1♠. Wests rebids 1NT. **Why not 2♦?** Because West has positional stoppers in ♥s and ♣s making their hand the best to play NT. More points for a NT contract.! East raises to 3NT.

If West rebids 2♦ instead of 1NT? – East tries for game. 3NT might not be right. and they are a little short of support points to go directly to 5♦. Without clubs stopped, many will raise to 3♦. In the absence of competing bids 3♦ by East invites game. West can value their hand to 15 points: 13 HCP plus 2 for the 5th and 6th diamond and should bid 3NT with their extra values. Some East's will simply hope for the best and bid 3NT themselves.

Play of the Hand – North will likely lead ♥3 (4th best). This gives West 10 tricks. Scoring the ♣K later is just icing on the cake.

Post Mortem – As this and the last hand shows, we push for NT contracts because we get more points and an easier game bonus at the three level versus minor suit contracts at the 5 level. In this hand the ♣A is not behind our ♣K, so the contract makes 5NT by West or East. However if the ♣A was in the North hand 3NT could go down if played by East on a club lead. This is why it is so important for West to bid NT first.

Come to our 0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA Game (Seminar at 12:30 PM)