

Last Week's Leaders

6/2 0-30 MP

1st OA – Alice Kitzmiller & Kay Neal (71.88%) **Wow!!!**

2nd OA – Sandy Lyle & Joan Oppelt (66.69%)

6/5 Tuesday Eve 99er

1stOA: Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis (68.0%)

2ndOA: Dave Elliott & John Warner (58.0%)



	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-30	16 Jun	Mike	Opening Leads
	Sat	12:30	Purcell	Part 1
	99er	12 Jun	AJ	Responding to 2♣
	Tue	6:30	Stephani	
	NLM	11 Jun	Steve	Support Doubles
	Mon	6:30	Moese	

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

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

June 20, 7:00pm

July 25, 7:00pm

August 29, 7:00pm

Sunday

July 8, 1:00pm

August 12, 1:00pm

September 9, 1:00pm

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

The Power of Shape – by Steve Moese

You are playing in the Toledo Regional Swiss Teams opposite a grand life master. Mentoring happens in many different contexts you remind yourself. You are vulnerable and hear the auction proceed 1NT (15-17) to your right. You look at your hand and see: ♠2 ♥AJ982 ♦K96542♣7. Marty Bergen ([Where'd he come from?](#)) whispers "6-5 Come Alive" in your ear and Mel Colchamiro says "Rule of 8" ([I didn't see any kibitzers did you?](#)). You obediently count # tricks in your two longest suits (11) and the number of losers (6).

♠2 ♥AJ982 ♦K96542♣7. counts to 6 losers (1♠ + 2♥ + 2♦ + 1♣). Normal opening bids have 7 losers. 6 losers this is a good playing hand. Back to Mel's rule of 6+2=8:

11 cards in ♦&♥s
Minus $\frac{6 \text{ Losers equals}}{5 > 2}$ and HCP: 8 > 6

Since # cards – # losers > 2 and we hold more than 6 HCP we MUST disturb their 1NT bid.

So you use your favorite bid to show ♥s and a minor and LHO passes. Partner now bid 3♥! This is INVITATIONAL and promises 10+ HCP, no more than 8 losers, and implies a good 4-card fit. **Certainly 10+8 =18 HCP is not enough to bid game, but what would Marty, Mel, and Partner do?**

They count losers (Losing Trick Count). Our 6 + partner's 8 = 14. There are 24 losers in both our hands (4 x 3 x 2 = 24). We have a 9-card trump fit. Subtracting 24 – 14 says we stand to make 10 tricks.

Go ahead, bid 4♥!!! When you do, you notice the voices in your ear have stopped, and you might have seen a twinkle in partner's eye. All pass and RHO tables the ♠A. On seeing your hand they switch to the ♣Q, won by partner with the ♣A! What a good card to hold. Partner puts the ♦10 on the table, the NT bidder plays the ♦8 and partner thinks for 30 seconds before calling the ♦K. It wins!. Partner ruffs a ♦, then draws trumps, finessing the NT bidder for the ♥Q, One more ♦ ruff finds the suit splitting 3-3. Partner makes 6 for +680 and the match.

Dummy: ♠2 ♥AJ982 ♦K96542 ♣7
Declarer: ♠QJx ♥K1056 ♦10 ♣A5432

Partner had 7 losers and 10 HCP. There must be something to this Losing Trick Count after all.

Review: When we have an 8+ card fit 5-3 or better, add our losers to partner's losers and subtract that from 24 to get the number of tricks we stand to make.

Losing Trick Count – 3 max per suit, with K, Kx, Ax, AQx(xx) all count 1 loser but Q2 count 2 and Qxx count 2.5 unless supported – QJx counts 2. Stiff Q or K is 1 loser. Stiff Ace or void are 0 losers. KQ is 1, 1.QJ is 2.

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

Congratulations to our winners Alice Kitzmiller & Kay Neal 1st 71.88% (Wow!!!) and Sandy Lyle & Joan Oppelt in 2nd (66.69%). Welcome to Susan deRoos, Judy Barrick, Jo Levine and Laura Hirsch to our Saturday game. All of the results are at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120526A.HTM>. **No seminar June 9. They resume June 16.**

Board 7
 South ♠ A 7 4 3
 Deals ♥ Q 10 4
 Both Vul ♦ Q 8
 ♣ Q 10 8 6

♠ Q 9 6
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K 10 9 6 3
 ♣ A K 9 2

N	♠ K J 8
W	♥ A K J 7 3
E	♦ J 7
S	♣ J 4 3

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ 9 6 5 2
 ♦ A 5 4 2
 ♣ 7 5

EW 4♥; 3N;
 3♣; 4♦; 4♠

Bidding – West opens 1♦ with 12HCP, 2.5 quick tricks and 5 diamonds. Many North’s will make a takeout double showing an opener, support for the other suits (4 cards, sometimes 3) and shortness in ♦ (typically 0-1 cards, sometimes 2, never

Board 11
 South ♠ Q J 6 3
 Deals ♥ J 4
 None Vul ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ A K 8 5

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

N	♠ K 7
W	♥ Q 9 8 7 6 3
E	♦ Q 10 3
S	♣ 10 6

♠ A 9 5
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ Q J 7 3

NS 4N; 4♠;
 4♣; 3♦; 1♥

Bidding – South opens 1♣ with a balanced 14 HCP. North with 15 HCP thinks game and responds 1♠ promising 6+ HCP and 4♠s. South rebids 1NT and North can raise to 3NT.

What if East overcalls 2♥? – Some Easts Non-Vul will do this and this

time it will distract North South. Some Souths will be tempted to rebid 2♣ with only 3 cards. With a balanced minimum and too many HCPs in opponent’s suit you are better off passing and waiting on partner. When South passes North knows they do not have an 8 card spade fit but they still have game values. North would like to bid 3NT but they do not have ♥s stopped. How can North figure out if South has a ♥stopper? This can be done by having North bid 3♥, a cue bid of the overcalled suit. This bid tells South that North has a game going hand but needs South to have opponents suit (♥) stopped to make 3NT. This should be clear to South because they know North would bid 3NT themselves if they had a game going hand and hearts stopped. Here South has an easy 3NT bid with ♥AK. However if South did not have a ♥ stopper they would need to run to another suit. With 3♠s they could now bid 3♣ knowing they have a 7 card fit. Otherwise they rebid their best minor at the 4 level.

3 or more). East with 14 HCP thinks game and can start with a 1♥ response. This is not encouraging for West and many will rebid 2♣. East with spades likely double stopped can safely bid 3NT.

What if West rebids 1NT instead of 2♣? – This hand is too strong in the minors and has too much distribution for 1NT. Out of 9 NT contracts declared Sat only 2 were in West. That said West does have values in the remaining suits so 1NT does have some merit. West in this scenario can bid the New Minor Forcing convention to see if East has 3♥s. If they do not play this or a similar convention, East will raise directly to 3NT. One way or the other, all roads lead to 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Most North’s will lead the ♠3 (fourth best). West can count on two ♥s, two ♣s and whether we are ready or not two ♠ as opponents try to develop the suit. Where can we get three more tricks? We have two seven card suits in the minors. ♦ is the best suit to attack because the most we can lose is 2♦ (A and Q) and even then we get 3 tricks. In clubs it is hard to see us getting more than 1 more trick past the AK.

Post Mortem – Don’t let opponents’ interference stop you from reaching game when there is a good chance it is there. When choosing which suit to develop for NT focusing on the one that yields the most tricks is often the right play.

Contract	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♣ E	130	8	0	0
3NT E	600	5.5	2.5	2.5
3NT W	600	5.5	2.5	2.5
3NT E	600	5.5	2.5	2.5
3NT E	600	5.5	2.5	2.5
3NT E	630	1.5	6.5	6.5
3NT E	630	1.5	6.5	6.5
3NT W	630	1.5	6.5	6.5
3NT E	630	1.5	6.5	6.5
2♥ E	110	1	0	0
2NT E	120	0	1	1

Play of the Hand – If East gets in the bidding then West will lead ♥10 (top of their doubleton). Otherwise the ♦4 (fourth best). South has 1♠, 2♥, 1♦ and 4♣ for 8 tricks off the top. If hearts are led first South has the best chance to set up one or two more spades. If diamonds are led first life is harder. To make 10 tricks you have to duck diamonds twice.

Post Mortem – When you know you have game values you be sure to get there, even when opponents make life difficult.

Bd 11	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3♥ x E	800	8	0	0
3NT N	490	7	1	1
3NT S	460	6	2	2
3NT N	430	4	4	4
3NT N	430	4	4	4
3NT S	430	4	4	4
3NT S	400	1	7	7
3NT S	400	1	7	7
3NT S	400	1	7	7
2♠ N	170	1	0	0
2♠ N	110	0	10	10

**Come to our 0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA Game
 Seminars Resume 12:30 PM Sat June 16**