

Last Week's Leaders

7/7 Saturday 0-30

1st OA: **Joanne Oppelt & Lyle Smith** (71.3%)  **WOW**
2nd OA (Tie): **Alice Kitzmiller & Susan DiRoos** (56.3%)
Patricia Burnham & Eisenstein (56.3%)

7/10 Tuesday Eve

1st OA: **Gail Zimmer & Mark Mitchell** (59.8%)
2nd OA: **Lois Jones & Caroline Richards** (59.5%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	14 Jul	Steve	Opening Leads
	Sat	12:30	Moese	Part 3
	99er	17 Jul	Steve	Preempts
	Tue	6:30	Moese	

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

Jul 28 - 29 Lexington KY **S for NLM**
July 12 – 22 Philadelphia, PA **N**
Jul 30 – Aug 5 Fairborn, OH **R**

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The Necessary Assumption – by Steve Moese

Board 21 ♠ K J 9 7 6 2 Thurs Eve
North ♥ 6 2 July 5, 2012
Deals ♦ A
N-S Vul ♣ Q J 5 3

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

EW 3N, 3♦, 2♣, W 2♥;
E 1♥; NS 1♠
♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ 10 6

Here's a hand from last Thurs. Evening that stumped all but one pair. Can we do better? No double dummy thinking allowed! At many tables North opens 1♠, East overcalls 2♦, South Passes and West bids 2N. East raises to 3N. If North opens a heavy 2♠, East calls 3♦ and

East raises to 3N. North will likely lead a ♠ or a ♣.

First, count losers and winners. There are 3+ late losers in ♠s, a loser in ♥, a loser in ♦s and 1-2 losers in ♣s. That makes 6-7+ losers possible. On a ♠ lead from North, West can count these winners: 2♠s, 0♥s (with 2 to develop), 0♦ (with up to 5 to develop), and 2 in ♣s totaling 4 winners. West has to develop 5 more winners to make the contract before opponents can cash their 6-7 winners. (On a ♣ or a ♥ lead opener can only count 1♠ winner). We are in a race!

♠7 Lead: Win South's 10 with the ♠Q in hand and lead a small ♦ toward dummy's strength. LHO pops with the ♦A (showing the ♦ suit is breaking badly...North would hold off on the ♦A. The idea is to play the ♦A on declarer's last ♦ to exhaust the dummy of entries). If North returns a high ♠, RHO shows out (now it is safe to lose tricks to RHO). Win the ♠A and play for the ♥A to be in RHO's hand (the **Necessary Assumption**, if not we aren't making this hand). Lead small to the ♥K. If ♥A then ♣, win the ♣K or If ♥K wins, play 4 rounds of ♦s next (pitching your remaining ♠s and 2♣s). South wins the 5th ♦ but cannot hurt our contract.

Time to count our winners again. We have won 2♠s, we have 2♥'s coming, 4♦'s, and the ♣AK. That makes 10 tricks. 1 overtrick in the face of these bad breaks should be worth its weight in gold. Win the return and cash out.

♣3 Lead: (If 4th best South has 2♣s!) Win in hand with the ♣A to keep the entry to the ♦s and lead ♦4 to dummy. You win the ♠Q, play the ♥K on a ♥ return, or win the ♣K (forced) and play on ♦'s (♥s will be the entry). A ♣ continuation allows you to force ♦s into South, establishing a 4th ♦ trick before the ♥s can be run. 1♠, 2♥s, 4♦s and 2♣s are 9 tricks!!

Learning Points: Count winners as we go and refine our plan based on the fall of the cards. When the ♦A fell from North (the danger hand) we must play for the ♥A to be in South - the **Necessary Assumption** to make our game. Counting ♦s and keeping ♣s controlled enables us to win 9-10 tricks in the establishment race. Well done!

Bd 21	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2 ♠ N	110		8	0
3 NT W	100		6.5	1.5
3 NT W	100		6.5	1.5
3 NT W	50		3.5	4.5
3 NT W	50		3.5	4.5
4 ♦ E	50		3.5	4.5
3 NT W	50		3.5	4.5
3 ♠ N		100	1	7
3 NT W		400	0	8

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

Congratulations to our winners from last Saturday: 1st - Joanne Oppelt and Lyle Smith - 71.25%, Well Done!!! 2/3 - Patricia Burnam and Lisa Eisenstein (Tie) Alice Kitzmiller and Susan DiRoos – 56.25%
All of the results are on our website at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120707A.HTM>.

A warm welcome to a new player to our Saturday game, Donald Klekamp!

This week we look at one hand to see how we can bid and make slam on board 18. Enjoy.

Board 18

East Deals

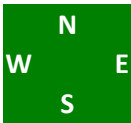
N-S Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ A J 9 2
♦ K 3
♣ J 10 6 5

♠ 9 5
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q 8 7 5 4
♣ K 8 4

♠ A K Q J 7
♥ 4
♦ A J 10 9
♣ A Q 2

♠ 8 3 2
♥ K 10 8 6 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 7 3



Bidding – East with 21 well placed HCP and a great 5 card spade suit will open a strong 2♣. West will bid 2♦ which is a waiting bid promising a King or better hand (says nothing about diamonds) and is game forcing. East will then rebid 2♠. If West had a minimum with spade support they would jump directly to a 4♠ game to signoff. However, West with 9 HCP, spade support and a doubleton knows slam might be possible and will raise to 3♠ showing support and some interest in slam. After 3♠ cue bidding can ensue with 4♣ by East and 4♥ by West, both bids showing first round controls. East should be encouraged by West’s ♥A and can ask for Aces and Kings ending in 6♠.

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Play of the Hand – Making this hand depends on developing your club suit and pitching/roughing out your diamond losers. If the ♣K is on side as in this case you have no club losers. Also you get to pitch a potential diamond loser on the fourth club in dummy. Roughing another diamond in dummy before completely drawing trump takes care of all the losers for making 7♠ without a diamond finesse.

If the ♣K was off side - You can still pitch your diamond loser and rough a loser as before to make 6♠.

Bd 18	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ E		480	10	1
4 ♠ E		480	10	1
5 ♠ E		480	10	1
4 ♠ E		510	6	5
4 ♠ E		510	6	5
4 ♠ E		510	6	5
4 ♠ E		510	6	5
4 ♠ E		510	6	5
6 ♠ E		980	2	9
6 ♠ E		980	2	9
6 ♠ E		980	2	9
6 ♠ E		1010	0	11
3 ♠ E		230	2	0
4 ♠ E		450	1	1
6 ♠ E		1010	0	2