

10/6 Newcomer Leaders!

1st OA: Patti Rugge & Robert Roark (70%) 

2nd OA: Alice Kitzmiller & Kay Neal (47.5%)

10/9 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: Darlene Young & Natalie Crowe (65.1%)

2nd OA Robert Roark & Patti Rugge (56.9%)

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	99er	16 Oct	Amy Fisher	Bidding Over Their
	Tue	6:30		1NT - DONT

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When Opponents bid 1 No Trump by Steve Moese

So, your right hand opponent bid 1NT. Usually this shows 15-17 (or rarely now 15-18 or 16-18). Many players play 12-14 (some play 10-12 HCP). Oddly enough, the stronger the opponents when they open, the weaker we can be to overcall with good distribution. Against weak NT openings, we might be tempted to overcall on less strength, but we really need an opening hand or better. Why? Opener's partner rates to hold half

RHO	We	LHO	Partner
10-12	8	10-11	10-11
12-14	8	9-10	9-10
15-17	8	7.5–8.5	7.5–8.5
16-18	8	7-8	7-8

of the remaining points. We hold ♠AJxxx ♥x ♦Kxxxx ♣xx and RHO opens 1NT in 1st seat. This

hand meets Mel's Rule of 2+6 and should overcall a Strong NT. However against a weak NT, they likely have the balance of power, neither side can make game, and the risk of our side suffering a bad penalty increases. We

Rely on partner to balance. Experts recommend opening

RHO	We	LHO	Partner
10-12	12	8-9	8-9
12-14	12	7-8	7-8
15-17	12	5.5–6.5	5.5–6.5
16-18	12	5-6	5-6

strength to bid over a weak NT. The chances we suffer a penalty at the 2 or 3 level are reduced, whether

or not they make game. Our chances against a strong NT are mixed as they are now NOT LIKELY to make game.

So with the following hands in direct position we should:

Hands (Their NT Range→)	10-12	12-14	15-17
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦Kxxxx ♣xx	Pass	Pass	Bid!
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦AKxxx ♣xx	Bid	Bid	Bid!
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦AKxx ♣xxx	Bid	Bid	Bid!
♠Axxxx ♥Jx ♦Kxx ♣AJx	Pass	Pass	Pass

In DIRECT SEAT:

Mel's Rule of 2+6 vs Strong NT: # Cards in 2 longer suits (C) – Number of Losers (L) > 2 and HCP ≥ 6, BID!

Steve's Rule of 2+10 vs Weak NT: # Cards-# Losers > 2 and Working HCP ≥ 10 BID! (Mel's Rule + 4 HCP)

Hands (Mel's Rule→)	# C-L	HCP	Intervene
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦Kxxxx ♣xx	10-7=3	8	Strong
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦AKxxx ♣xx	10-7=3	12	Wk & Strng
♠AJxxx ♥x ♦AKxx ♣xxx	9-7=2	12	Wk & Strng
♠Axxxx ♥Jx ♦Kxx ♣AJx	8-8=0	12	Pass

Balance Aggressively! Bid whenever you have 2 or more distribution points (any singleton). Partner will be strong. A balancing Double is takeout, not penalty.

Larry Cohen offers useful insight why disturbing their 1NT is right to do. Using 1 million deals played online, when the final contract was 1NT, it was set about 29% of the time and made

71% of the time (often with overtricks). Here is how many tricks were taken. **When the 1NT bid was a direct overcall (passed out in 1NT), the overcaller averaged 45% at matchpoints and went slightly minus in IMP expectancy.**

Tricks	%
10 +	8
9	15
8	23
7	25
6	17
5 -	12

In contrast, when the auction went **1NT-Pass-Pass-Pass**, this was very good for opener's side. At matchpoints it resulted in an average of 58% and at IMPs a gain of nearly 1/2 imp per board. These high averages mean: "If at all possible, interfere over the opponents' 1NT opening, especially in balancing seat."

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

Great to see everyone Saturday. Special welcome to our newest player Connie Rogers. Thank you for joining us!

This Week's Leaders:

1st: **Patti Rugge and Robert Roark** 70% (**Wow**)

2nd: **Alice Kitzmiller and Kay Neal** 47.50%.

Full results for Saturday's game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121006A.HTM>

This Saturday (10/13) Phyllis Bishop will be running our Saturday game and I will be giving a seminar on Invitational Bidding by Responder. Hope you can make it!

This week I look at a hand where getting to slam is not as critical as making it. Enjoy!

Board 17
North Deals
None Vul

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

EW 6♥ 4N	♠ 9 8 5 4
4♣ 1♠ 1♦	♥ 10
	♦ Q 6 4 3
	♣ J 10 7 2

Bidding – In many auctions West will open first with 1♥. East with a known 9+ card heart fit, 11 HCP and 13 support points should push to game by bidding a new suit (2♣) and then jumping to game (Direct raise to 4♥ tends to be preemptive). After 2♣ by partner showing clubs and 10-11 HCP, West can rebid 3NT for game. East will correct to 4♥ and most will play it there.

If East opens 1♣ – East has a five card suit but is short of the 2.5 quick tricks most require to

open. If opened 1♣, West will respond 1♥ (6+ HCP, 4+ hearts) and East can raise to 2♥ showing a minimum hand with four hearts. Most Wests will then bid 4NT (Blackwood) to ask for Aces/Kings and end up in 6♥.

Play of the Hand – In this hand declarer (West) can make 6♥ by ruffing their losing third spade and third diamond (giving up the second diamond) before drawing trumps. You can also make it by drawing 3 rounds of trump cashing two clubs and then ruffing two clubs in the West hand to develop the fifth club to pitch a loser on.

Post Mortem – Note the matchpoint scoring on this hand. Yes 6♥ bid and made gets the best score, but 4♥ making 6 yields almost the same matchpoints in the open game. Many times finding those valuable overtricks can really make the difference!

Bd 17	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥ W	50		12	0
3 NT W		430	11	1
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ E		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		450	6.5	5.5
4♥ W		480	2	10
6♥ W		980	0.5	11.5
6♥ E		980	0.5	11.5
6♥ W	50		1.50	0.50
6♥ E	50		1.50	0.50
6♥ W		980	0.00	2.00