

10/13 Newcomer Leaders!

1st OA: Rosemary Franck & Beth Wales (Swiss Team)

10/16 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: F James Hunkler & Lewis Temples (61.4%)

2nd OA Steven Simon & Garen Wisner (57.6%)



CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	20 Oct	Mike	Preemptive
	Sat	12:30	Purcell	Openings
	99er	23 Oct	Ron	Bid Over Their 1NT –
	Tue	6:30	Babcock	Modified Capelletti

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

Oct 19 - 21 Columbus OH S

Oct 26 - 28 Cincinnati OH (NAP) S/N

Oct 29 – Nov 3 Indianapolis, IN S

Nov 5 – 11 Elizabeth, IN R



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

Get your silver points at the **Cincinnati OctoberBest Sectional Oct 26-28, 2012**. The **North American Pairs District 11 Finals - Sat Oct 27** (Pre-qualification required).

What's a Sectional Tournament?

by Steve Moese
Duplicate bridge players compete for Master Points (MP). Here are the 6 MP flavors:

Platinum	NABC+ National Events (no upper MP limit)
Gold	Section Tops and overalls at Regionals & Nationals events of 2+ sessions. Upper MP limit ≥ 750, only to the top 2 stratifications. In open-bracketed events (e.g. bracketed KO teams), each bracket awards some % of the overall as GOLD, regardless of team MP. GOLD points may be awarded for special games, (e.g. ACBL-wide Instant MP Game).
Red	Regionals & Regional events at Nationals. N. American Pairs, & Grand National Teams offer Red points at clubs!
Silver	Sectionals & STaCs
Black	Clubs and Club Championships
Colorless	On-line Sanctioned Games

Our favorite CBA club games offer BLACK points. The size of the field and the movement (Howell/One-Winner, or Mitchell) affects how many places receive how many MPs. Flighting means top results in lower flights win a

proportionate MP award – this levels the field so players of all experience levels have a chance at MPs. 2 special games award MPs at higher levels: Unit Championships and Fund Games.

Sectional Tournaments are sponsored by the Unit and happen several times a year. They offer **SILVER MPs** at a higher award level. Often Sectionals are 3-day events Fri-Sun. Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC) enable clubs to offer **SILVER MP** opportunities during a week-long event that compares results across the entire District - top finishers win increased awards. (A district has several Units. There are 25 Districts in the ACBL. The CBA is unit 124 and a member of District 11). Sectional games cost more per session than a club game. The MP award rate can be higher at a Sectional Tournament because more people play and several games are 2-session events. The more sessions, the higher the overall awards. CBA's next sectional is coming up at the end of the month.

Cincinnati OctoberBest Sectional Oct 26-28, 2012

Events include:

Open Pairs – A flighted event open to all players.

NLM Pairs – A flighted event (NLM/200/100) limited to players with 500 or fewer MPs not yet Life Masters.

Bracketed Swiss Teams – Teams of 4-6 players play in brackets of 8 teams, the lowest bracket is more than 8 teams. Usually play 7 boards for 7 rounds. IMP scores are translated to Victory Points to rank the teams overall. Win MPs for session wins and overall placing.

Compact Knockout Teams - Teams of 4 players compete in 12 board rounds, 2 rounds/session across 2 sessions. If you lose you are out. 1st round losers may compete in a consolation bracket for a reduced MP award. Handicaps based on MPs/Team might be used.

North American Pairs District 11 Finals - The top 3 finishers win a cash prize and qualify for the National Competition in the Spring NABC 2013 (St. Louis). You must have already qualified for the North American Pairs to enter this event. Qualification ended in August 2012

If you have never played in a tournament before, give the Cincinnati Sectional a whirl! If you have, then join us for **SILVER MP** fun!

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

This week we had 2 tables and played in a Swiss team format. Congratulations to **Rosemary Franck & Beth Wales** for going undefeated in team play, well done!

The last few weeks we have had several players new to bridge attend our game. This is wonderful to see. This Saturday (10/20) Phyllis Bishop will be running our Saturday game and I will be giving a seminar on Preemptive Openings and Overcalls. Handouts are available in advance of Saturday on our website

(<http://www.cincybridge.com/>) under the CBA Seminar Series link. Hope to see everyone there.

To make sure folks new to bridge and our regulars have the best possible experience in our Newcomer's game, we will have a **separate table(s) for new players** when there are 3 or more in attendance. With 2 or fewer, new players will play in the main 0-30 section with help. This should keep the regular game moving along and allow our newest players to learn comfortably.

NOTE: **There will NOT be a game October 27th** due to the Cincinnati Sectional Bridge Tournament that weekend at the Sharonville Crown Plaza Hotel. Please see our website for more information. I will be playing at the tourney and hope to see some of you there as well.

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

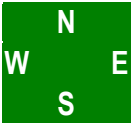
♠ Q J 10
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ J 9 7 4 3
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 8 3 2
 ♥ K 3 2
 ♦ A K Q 10 5
 ♣ J

EW 4♣ 2♥ 2♦
 NS 3♣

♠ 9 7 6 5 4
 ♥ A Q 7 6
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 10 5

♠ K
 ♥ 10 9 8 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K Q 9 7 6 3



Bidding – South will open this hand 1♣. West with 17 HCP and a great diamond suit will likely overcall 1♦. North with 5 diamonds and poor values will pass. East with 6 HCP can now respond as if their partner has opened the hand bidding their 5 card spade suit at the one level. South will likely rebid 2♣ or even 3♣ with their 7 card suit. That should not discourage West with four card support and a hand worth at least 19 support points for partner. West should go to game in 4♣. East will be distraught with only a minimum hand but will feel better when dummy comes down.

Bd 11	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♦ x W	300		8	0
3♦ W	50		7	1
1♦ W		90	6	2
3♣ E		140	5	3
3♣ E		170	4	4
4♠ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♠ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♠ E		450	1	7
3♣ x E		630	0	8

Play of the Hand – Expect the ♣A from South and then either ♣K or a switch to the ♥10 (top of a series). East can win the second trick in either case and should play ♠A and another spade. Spades break 3-1 giving the opponents two spade tricks and a club but that is all. The second club and fourth heart in the East hand are losers that can go on the third diamond and be ruffed in dummy to make the contract.

Post Mortem – Sometimes your side has game even when the opponents open the bidding. In this case East-West only has 23 HCP but can make 4♣ thanks to their distribution. West took advantage of this to reach game and earn a top board.