

10/20 Newcomer Leaders!

1st OA: **Elizabeth & Jack Williams** (66%)

2nd OA: **Beth Wales & Kay Neal** (45%)



10/23 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Judith Lucas & Natalie Seiberg** (54.9%)

2nd OA **Mark Mitchell & Gail Zimmer** (54.4%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
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	Sat	12:30		Partner's Preempt
	99er	30 Oct	Amit Raturi	Defensive Carding
	Tue	6:30		

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

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Oct 19 - 21 Columbus OH S

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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). **CBA Bridge Center is closed during the Tournament.**

Have Your Plan B Ready by Steve Moese

Here's a hand from last weekend's Columbus Sectional to test your planning. You are Dealer (None Vulnerable) and find this balanced 15 HCP hand waiting for you. Your open 1NT and partner jumps to 3N. Partner tables an impressive hand. The opening lead is a 4th best ♦5.

♠ Q 9 2
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q 2

Now here's the first wrong turn. 12 tricks seem super easy. 7♠s, 2♦s, 1♥, & 2♠s. Are you tempted to scowl "We just missed a small slam in ♠s or NT"? Do you feel like steaming at partner before you play the hand? **Don't fall into that trap**. The worst thing you can do is worry about the contract(s) you didn't reach. Instead, focus on the contracts you did reach! The only threat will be if ♠s break 4-0. You win the ♦Q and play on ♠s, confirming 4-0 break. The good news is we have a

♠ KJ
♥ J82
♦ 6
♣ AK108542

guaranteed entry to dummy in ♠s. The bad news: ♠s offers only one entry if we simply play out ♣s (putting RHO in with the ♣J). Time for a **Plan B**.

What we need is to develop ♥s. Either we get another entry to dummy or ♥s break 3-3 and we get 2♥ tricks. Lead the ♥2 (NOT the ♥J) toward your hand. RHO plays ♥6, you insert the ♥10 and LHO wins the ♥K. Now if LHO tries a ♦ we gain a free finesse. If LHO continues ♠s we have one dummy entry and our ♠Q stops the 3rd ♠ trick. LHO continued with the ♠4 won by RHO's ♠A. RHO returned a 2nd ♠, clearing dummy's entry. Now we drive out the ♣J. Win whatever RHO returns. The ♥J might be a hero. Do you see how? Cash the ♥A and hope the ♥Q is doubleton with either opponent! When it is, you created your entry to the long ♣. Setting up the ♥s created an entry to dummy (♥J). If instead you played 4 rounds of ♠s right away you have no way to get back to dummy – try it! ♥s offer 2 chances: RHO with ♥Hx or a 3=3 split.

3N+4 for +430 netted our team 12 IMPs and a match win. Here's the full hand →

South	♠ KJ
Deals	♥ J 8 2
None Vul	♦ 6
	♣ AK108542
♠ 7654	♠ A1083
♥ K954	♥ Q6
♦ K10852	♦ 9743
♣ -	♣ J976
	♠ Q92
	♥ A 10 7 3
	♦ A Q J
	♣ Q 2

Learning Points

Too often when we have an obvious source of tricks we ignore the small chances that the key suit is not cashing. When things don't work out as expected it's easy to lose focus.

Ignore the temptation to fret about what contract you should have bid to. Focus instead on playing your best in the one you are in. Wasting attention on what's NOT in front of us too often causes errors we would not make otherwise.

Sometimes **ENTRIES** are more important than tricks! Make your Plan B. Find another way to make your contract. For more on suit split odds check 99er Newsletter Vol 17 May 15, 2012! ([Click Here](#))

Last week we had 3 tables in play. Congratulations to our leaders: Elizabeth & Jack Williams in 1st at 66%; Beth Wales & Kay Neal in 2nd at 45%. Full results for Saturday's game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121020A.HTM>
Note extra master point awards for the club appreciation game.

There will **NOT** be a game this Saturday October 27th due to the Cincinnati Sectional Bridge Tournament going on this weekend at the Sharonville Crown Plaza Hotel.

Saturday (11/3) Phyllis Bishop will be running our Saturday game and Potter Orr will be giving a seminar on Responding to Preemptive Openings. Handouts are available in advance of Saturday on our website (<http://www.cincybridge.com/>) under CBA Seminar Series link.

This week's hand shows us that having a long suit can be worth more in NT. Enjoy!

Board 17 ♠ K 10 6 5 3
North Deals ♥ A 9 2
None Vul ♦ 9 5 2
♣ 9 4

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

N	♠	9 7 4 2
W	♥	K 6
E	♦	10 7
S	♣	A Q 10 8 5

♠ J 8
♥ Q J 5
♦ K J 8 6 4
♣ J 7 2

W 4♥; E 3♥;
EW 3N 5♣
2♠ 1♦

Bidding – West has 15 HCP and five hearts. Should they open 1♥ or 1NT? Given that West's strength is outside of hearts most will choose 1NT. East has 9 HCP and 5 clubs. Usually 8-9 HCP is an invitational hand (which will be denied) but in this case you should give yourself 1 more point for your excellent 5 card club suit giving you 10 points and a 3NT response for partner.

Play of the Hand – Expect a spade lead, ♠5 (fourth best), on this auction. On this lead you have 2 spades, 1 diamond and 5 clubs on most club breaks. You still need one more trick. Your options are trying to

set up the ♥K or a diamond finesse. On this hand either play will work but the safest play is to try to set up the ♥K. Why? Because if getting the ♥K fails you do not fear opponents running hearts and you can try the diamond finesse later. If you take the diamond finesse first and it loses, opponents can force out your ♦A and possibly run the suit before you can setup the ♥K.

Post Mortem – When partner opens 1NT and you have a good 5 card suit give yourself one more point and bid accordingly. More often than not on close hands for game, you will be rewarded!

Bd 17	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
	100		12	0
2 NT W	450	7.5	4.5	
		450	7.5	4.5
		450	7.5	4.5
		450	7.5	4.5
		450	7.5	4.5
		450	7.5	4.5
2 NT W	480	2.5	9.5	
		480	2.5	9.5
		980	1	11
1 NT S	1010	0.00	12.00	