

10/27 Newcomer Leaders!

No Newcomer's Game – Cincinnati Sectional

10/30 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Darlene Young & Natalie Crowe** (65.7%)

2nd OA **Steve Simon & Garen Wisner** (55.1%)



CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	3 Nov	Potter Orr	Responding to Partner's Preempt
	Sat	12:30		
	99er	6 Nov	Mike	Opening Leads –
	Tue	6:30	Purcell	No Trump

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 29 – Nov 3	Indianapolis, IN	S	
Nov 5 – 11	Elizabeth, IN	R	
Oct 29 – Nov 3	Indianapolis, IN	S	Unit 130
Nov 16 – 18	Indianapolis, IN	S	
Nov 22 – Dec 2	San Francisco, CA	NABC	
Nov 30 – Dec 2	Kettering, OH	S	

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

Remember to VOTE on November 6.
Celebrate our Freedoms and our Country.

Give the Opponents the Last Guess by Steve Moese

Advanced/Expert players do 2 things well when preempting: They **raise partner immediately to the right level** and they **give the opponents the last guess**.

Say partner opens a weak 2♠ and you hold:

♠432 ♥32 ♦J10432 ♣1098 raise immediately to 3♠.

♠8432 ♥2 ♦J10432 ♣1098 raise immediately to 4♠.

Opponents rate to hold 32 HCP. The 9-card ♠ fit makes a raise to 3 sound. A 10 card fit raises to 4. **Often you can bid to the level equal to the number of trumps your side holds** (9 trumps = 9 tricks, 10 = 10 etc). What experts will **NOT** do is bid 3♠ then over 4♥, bid 4♠. They bid immediately to the right level when preempting. Why? When partner has limited their hand (what Weak 2's and 3-level preempts do) we take as much space out of the auction as we can. A Weak 2 or preempt makes responder captain - opener does not rebid unless partner forces them to bid. Raising the preempt is **NOT** an invitation to bid

more. **Raise immediately to the highest safe level to give your opponents the last guess.** Choosing among double, pass, or a 5-level or higher bid is hard to get right. Rather than us having that problem, preempting puts the opponents on the spot.

South Hand	East	South	West	North
♠ -	1♣	1♥	Pass	4♥ ¹
♥ K109864	4♠ ²	6♥ ³	Pass	Pass
♦ AQ1094	7♣!?	Pass	Pass	Dbl
♣ K3	All Pass			
Only 12 HCP but great offense	1=Preemptive Raise			
	2=Very strong and very distributional			
	3=Preempt – give EW the last guess			

Here's a striking example hand from Sunday's Flight A Swiss Teams at the Cincinnati Sectional. When North jumped to 4♥ and East (a strong player) freely bid 4♠ several things became apparent: 1) NS has an 11 card trump fit, 2) East is highly distributional and very strong, and 3) we have 1 or 2 defensive tricks at most depending on the strain EW choose! The best way to "help" opponents make the last guess is to bid 6♥ immediately. West cannot be sure EW can make 6♠ (they are). With no defense against ♥s West chooses to pass. East now faces the agonizing last guess. East's 7♣ choice led to down 3 for -500. The results in the other room? Our partners bid and made 6♠ Doubled for +1210. The net plus 1710 earned 17 IMPs and a match win. In 6♠, East loses the ♦A, ruffs the ♦ or ♥ continuation, then cashes 1♠ seeing the 0-4 split.

Now a ♣ ruff and ♠ finesse leads to 12 tricks. 6♥ is only down 1 on best play (♣, ♣ ruff, 2♥s & a ruffing finesse in ♦s). If EW bid 6♠, South might bid 7♥. East had a 2 loser 2-suited hand. If West's ♦K was the ♣K, small slam in ♣ or ♠ can't be stopped.

Check out the [Law of Total Tricks](#) (intermediate/advanced concept) for guidance on how high to bid when preempting. Good bidding and good luck!

Deals	♠ J932	Spot cards approximate
None Vul	♥ AQJ32	
	♦ 6	
	♣ 542	
♠ 7654		♠ AKQ108
♥ 75		♥ -
♦ K87532		♦ J
♣ 8		♣ AQJ10976
	♠ -	
Directions rotated	♥ K109864	
	♦ AQ1094	
	♣ K3	

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Did you know that you don't need a partner to play in Saturday Afternoon's Newcomer game? We will match you with other Newcomers or have a standby player for you. So meet and make new friends! Come to play on Saturday!

To make sure folks new to bridge and all our players 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.

Saturday November 3, 2012 Mr. Mike Purcell will be running the game. Be sure to come ½ hour early to listen to Mr. Potter Orr give a seminar on "Responding to Partner's Preempt" (12:30 PM ½ hour before game time). Bring a friend or three!

There was no game October 27, 2012 because of the Cincinnati October Best Sectional.

There will be no seminar on Saturday November 10, 2012 because of the Louisville Regional Tournament. However we will have a game.

There are many ways to learn more about Bridge:

- Playing more certainly helps.
- Many like to supplement playing with reading good books (check out our CBA library. Borrow a book for 2 weeks. Bridge for Dummies by Eddie Kantar is an excellent start!),
- Lessons (Check out the lesson schedule at the CBA),
- Computer software (Check out the free software from the ACBL! Once you master that you might look into software from renowned sources – Fred Gitelman, Mike Lawrence, Larry Cohen, and many others.
- CBA Seminars on Saturday and Tuesday Evenings
- Other resources on-line (Go to the www.cincybridge.com site and click "Improve Your Game" to see a long list of options.
- Join the CBA Mentor Program (May to September) and play duplicate with someone with experience. This is a fun way to learn more about our club, meet new people, and learn a few ways to improve your game.
- Go to sectional and Regional Tournaments and play in the 99er and 299er events.

The Newcomer Hand of the Week will resume next week.