

11/3 Newcomer Leaders!

1st OA: Elizabeth & Jack Williams (59.5%)

2nd OA Robert Roark & Sharon Koster (58.3%)



11/6 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: Lewis Temples & Jeff Rubenstein (73.8%) **WOW!**

2nd OA Patrica Burnam & Lisa Eisenstein (57.5%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
		0-30	10 Nov	N/A
		Sat	12:30	No Seminar this week
	99er	13 Nov	Amy Flsher	Opening Leads – Suits
		Tue	6:30	

CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM CBA Wed Home Style 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

Nov 5 – 11	Elizabeth, IN	R	
Oct 29 – Nov 3	Indianapolis, IN Unit 130	S	
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/>

Louisville hosts the final District 11 Regional this week. Join us and get GOLD points!

A Losing Option by Rich Colker (reprinted from the Anaheim NABC Bulletin p2 Sunday August 20, 2000)

In the closing minutes of Friday's close quarterfinal Spingold match between Rita Shugart and Rose Meltzer, this little gem came along. It could only have happened against a top expert like Alan Sontag.

East	South	West	North	
1N	Pass	2♣	2♦	After a mildly competitive auction
Pass	Pass	2N	Pass	Alan Sontag, by virtue of his earlier Stayman bid,
3♣	All Pass			became declarer in 3♣. Andrew Robson led the ♣9 and Sontag won and drew a second trump, Robson pitching a diamond. Sontag then led a diamond from dummy and Shugart rose with the king to play a third trump, Robson pitching another diamond. When Sontag drew the last trump, pitching the ♦Q from his own hand, Robson had

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Bd 58	Robson		
East Deals	♠ Q97		
Both Vul	♥ Q105		
	♦ AJ10643		
	♣ 9		
Sontag		Weichel	
♠ A864		♠ KJ2	
♥ K964		♥ J32	
♦ Q7		♦ 98	
♣ 874		♣ AKQJ3	
	Shugart		
	♠ 1053		
	♥ A87		
	♦ K52		
	♣ 10652		

an answer — not an obvious one, but one which had a chance to succeed only against one of the world's great players.

Robson could see that Sontag would have no alternative to taking the spade finesse for his 9th trick and that it was destined to win, with

the queen-third sitting as it was in front of the king-jack-third. If only there was something he could do to tip the odds slightly in his favor and away from the winning line. Suddenly he found the answer. On the 4th trump Robson discarded— the ♠7! Just consider the possibility this opened up for Sontag. If North started with ♠1097, South's queen could now be captured by leading the ♣J from dummy and letting it ride if Shugart ducked. If Shugart covered, Sontag would win with the ace, Robson's 9 (or 10) falling, and a second spade to the king would bring down Robson's other intermediate, setting up Sontag's 8.

Sure enough, Sontag worked this out and led the ♠J from dummy (he could have led the ♠K first and Robson would have followed with the ♠9). When Shugart played low Sontag let it ride and Robson won his ♠ queen. He then cashed a second diamond and the defense eventually came to two heart tricks to add to the two diamonds and one spade they had already scored for down one, minus 100.

At the other table Chip Martel and Lew Stansby reached 3♦ on the North-South cards. When this failed by one trick (-100), Shugart picked up five nifty IMPs. Meltzer won the match 124-119, the margin of victory being — you guessed it — 5 IMPs! If only Robson had had one more opportunity like this one.

Learning Points: East judged well to play 3♣ and not 2N. The opponent's ♦s are a threat to that contract. A subtle inference has big impact with experts.

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

Wow, this week we had 5 tables plus a separate table for beginner players. This is a record for our game and Phyllis and I want thank everyone for playing. Because there were so many tables we can award masterpoints to more pairs. Congratulations to this week's winners:

Elizabeth and Jack Williams in 1st at 59.52% and 0.50 Masterpoints
 Salty Roark and Sharon Koster in 2nd at 58.33% and 0.35 Masterpoints
 Darleen Young and Natalie Steinberg in 3rd at 55.95% and 0.25 Masterpoints
 Patricia Burnam and Lisa Eisenstein in 4th at 58.33% and 0.18 Masterpoints

Full results for Saturday's game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121103A.HTM>

This Saturday there WILL be a game at 1pm but NO SEMINAR due to the Louisville Regional Tourney.

This week's hand shows us that in matchpoint scoring, greed to quote Gordon Gekko is good.

Board 9

North Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A J 3
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ A 10 9 3
 ♣ K J 5

♠ Q 6 5 2
 ♥ K 6 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q 10 8 6 4

NS 4N 4♦ 2♠
 1♣
 N 3♥ S 2♥

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ Q J 5
 ♦ Q J 7 4 2
 ♣ A 9

Bidding – North with 17 HCP and a balanced hand opens 1NT (15-17). South with the minimum 10 HCP needed plus a five card diamond suit can comfortably raise to game at 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Most East's will lead the ♥2 (fourth best) or ♥10 (top of a series). On this lead, North has at least 2 hearts, 1 spade, 1 diamond and 2 clubs and must develop diamonds to make game. Missing the ♦K you should try to capture the king by finessing for

it. To do this win the ♣A in dummy and play the ♦Q to your hand. This play loses this time but sets up the suit. Now you have 9 tricks and enough to make 3NT. In the 0-30 game that's get you a top result (3.5MP out of 4) but in the open game it gets you a near bottom (0.5MP out of 11). Why? Because in the open game pairs were willing to take risks to make overtricks, even at the expense of making their game. I was playing in the open game where my opponent could settle for 10 tricks (4.5MP out of 11) but risked only making 9 tricks to take a winning ♣Q finesse to make 11 tricks (9.5MP out of 11).

Post Mortem – In matchpoint scoring, overtricks can be the difference between a top result and a poor one. If the chances are good a finesse or similar play will work, it is often worth trying even in some cases where you risk the contract.

Bd 9	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT N	460		9.5	1.5
3 NT N	460		9.5	1.5
3 NT N	460		9.5	1.5
3 NT N	460		9.5	1.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT S	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	6.5
3 NT N	400		0.5	10.5
3 NT N	400		0.5	10.5
3 NT N	400		3.5	0.5
3 NT N	400		3.5	0.5
4 ♦ S	130		2	2
1 NT N	90		1	3
6 NT N		150	0	4