

11/10 Newcomer Leaders!

1st OA: **Joanne Oppelt & Lyle Smith** (78.8%)  **←WOW!**

2nd OA: **Patty Ruge & Kay Neal** (63.7%)

11/13 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Lois Jones & Caroline Richards** (62.5%)

2nd OA: **Mackey & Kobida / Temples & Hunkler** (Tie - 55.5%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	17 Nov	Mike	Stayman
	Sat	12:30	Purcell	
	99er	20 Nov	Joe	Basic Attitude
	Tue	6:30	Muenks	Signals

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

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/>

CBA Holiday Party Wednesday December 5, 2012. See Board Members for Tickets.

2 Sides of the Same Coin by Steve Moese

Team bridge is great fun. Swiss Teams usually close a Regional. Teams of all experience play against one another. After each match, you play someone with the same score (wins or Victory Points) and you can never play the same team twice. Matches are short (6 – 8 hands) and can be wildly exciting. Here is a beauty from

the Louisville Swiss Teams. Mike Purcell chose to open 1♠ even with 23 HCP because he held **5 losers**. His partner (Paul Pschesang) forced to game. Their bidding revealed no stopper in ♦s.

They chose to stop in 5♣s, the safer game, instead of 4♠. At Teams, earning the game bonus is more important than

overtricks or the minor/Major/NT score difference. As it turned out the opponents found their 2 tricks and Mike made exactly 5♣s for +600. Just because you hold

North	South
1♠	2♣
2♥	2♠
3♣	4♣
4♥	4♠
5♣	

33+ HCP between 2 hands, you might not have a slam. It is often important to know that you have all suits controlled so there aren't 2 quick losers. After all,

West (NS Vul)
♠ 765
♥ 10964
♦ AK3
♣ 874

opponents lead first. Here's another fascinating Swiss Team hand. I held this in 4th seat and heard the auction go 2♣-P-3♣ (Alert!) to me. LHO described the 3♣ call as a positive response with 5 or more ♣s. My hand was nondescript except for the

♦AK. I chose to bid 3♦, not to play, but to let partner to know what to lead when opponents bid their game or slam. My partner (Carroll Frogge, Kansas City) raised to 5♦. South passed. I passed and LHO reasoned that if my partner could raise ♦s to the 5-level we held 9-10

North	East	South	West
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♦
3♣	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

of them. That meant South had at most 1 ♦ card. North bid 6♣.

Partner tabled the ♦J. On my ♦K declarer played the ♦Q feigning a singleton. However I had only 3 cards in ♦s so the ♦A came next for down 1 & +100. Intervening in opponent's strong 2♣ auction can be very safe because they do not have good competitive bidding agreements or they are focused on getting to game or slam any way.

North Deals	♠ AK1094
NS Vul	♥ AKJ2
	♦ Q6
	♣ AQ
♠ 765	♠ 82
♥ 10964	♥ 8753
♦ AK3	♦ J108742
♣ 874	♣ 2
	♠ QJ3
Spots	♥ Q
Approximate	♦ 95
	♣ KJ109653

Have you sensed these hands were 2 sides of the same coin – the same deal in our team game? Our +100 & partner's +600 was worth 12 IMPs. We won the final match by 3 IMPs! We all thought this was the most exciting hand we played the entire week. Do you agree?

Learning Points: Strength and Loser Count (≤4) combine to make a 2♣ bid right when holding 1 or 2 suits. Don't rebid NT when 54. Play in the longer trump fit – where opps. are likely to be short. Overcall to win the contract, take space from their auction, or direct our defense. Overcalling a 2♣ auction can be profitable and safe.

Newcomer News 0-30 – Mike “Why Did I Double Them Into Game AGAIN” Purcell 513 702 4007

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We had 3 tables plus two pairs braved the open game. Great to see everyone, given the Louisville Regional going on. Congratulations to this week's top performers:

1st Joanne Oppelt and Lyle Smithin at 78.75% **Amazing!** and 0.36 Masterpoints

2nd Patty Ruge and Kay Neal at 63.75% and 0.25 Masterpoints

Full results for Saturday's game can be found at:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121110A.HTM>

This Saturday (11/17) Phyllis will be running the Sat game and I will be giving the seminar on The Stayman Convention starting at 12:30.

This week we look at an interesting slam hand that can be disrupted when opponents preempt. Enjoy!

NO Saturday game after Thanksgiving (11/24). We resume Sat (12/1).

Saturday Newcomer Holiday Party December 8th - Mark your calendars for our 1st ever Holiday Party. We plan a light lunch & desserts for all to enjoy in the Teaching Room starting at 12:15!

Board 5

North	♠ Q 10		
Deals	♥ 10 4 2		
N-S Vul	♦ 8		
	♣ K 10 9 7 6 3 2		
♠ A 9 6 4		♠ K J 5 2	
♥ A Q J 8		♥ K 7 6	
♦ 10 9 2		♦ A K 5	
♣ Q J		♣ A 8 4	
	♠ 8 7 3		
EW 7♠ 6N	♥ 9 5 3		
6♥ 4♦ 2♣	♦ Q J 7 6 4 3		
	♣ 5		



Bidding – Some North's will preempt 3♣ with a porous 7 card suit, even vulnerable (not a healthy practice). East with 18 HCP will expect partner has 7-8 HCPs and bid 3 NT. 7-8 HCP is a fair split of the remaining points. West with 14 HCP (7 more than expected) suspects slam is possible. With so much bidding room taken West might settle for game and pass. This is especially true if they have no bidding agreements to find 4-4 major suit fits in this auction. If they do find their 4-4 ♠ fit, then they can confidently ask for aces (Blackwood) or keycards (Roman Keycard) landing in 6♠. (Some pairs agree to play their 1NT systems over 3NT bids like this). Some may jump to 6NT since they hold an Ace and King more than what partner expects.

What if North doesn't preempt? – Then East can open 1♣ (too many HCP for opening 1NT). West can show 4♥s by bidding 1♥ and East can show 18 HCP in a balanced hand by bidding 2NT. West can now show the spade suit by bidding 3♠. East will raise to game holding 4♠ cards. East with much more than a minimum will ask for aces (Blackwood) or keycards (Roman Keycard) getting to 6♠ or 6NT. Alternatively, East might rebid 1♠ or 2♠ (not best holding a balanced hand and only 3♣ cards), West will raise and the auction will proceed with West asking for Aces or Keycards.

Play of the Hand – Much depends on whether North preempts 3♣ and who declares.

If West declares 6♠ you are likely to get a ♦8 lead. You have a slow ♦ loser and a possible spade loser (♠Q). Our ♦ loser goes away on our long 4th ♥ later. We are missing ♠Q10xxx. A ♠ to the ♠A and a ♠ back causes the ♠Q10 to fall in 2 rounds so a 3rd ♠ clears the trumps and 13 tricks are in the bag. If we play in 6NT we have to assume we get 4♠ tricks or go down (the ♦QJ doubleton is very unlikely), so the ♠Q has to be on side (it is). In ♠s you will get 4♥ tricks, 2♦ tricks, 1♦ ruff (after you pitch a♦ on a good♥), 2♣ tricks and 3 or 4♠ tricks. 12 tricks gains 980. 13 tricks earn us 1010. In NT we get 4♠, 4♥, 2♦, and 2♣ for +990, beating all 980's but losing to any 1010's. In MP pairs, many play to score the all-important overtrick so ♠s is a superior strain to NT.

Post Mortem – There is a reason people preempt – they work. In this hand if you can deal with interference, you will reach the best contract. Since both East and West hands are flat, NT plays almost as well as ♠s.

Bd 5	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♠ E		450	5.5	0.5
4♥ W		450	5.5	0.5
3 NT E		460	4	2
3 NT E		490	3	3
6 NT E		990	2	4
6♠ E		1010	0.5	5.5
6♠ E		1010	0.5	5.5
3♣ N		400	2	0
4♠ E		510	1	1
3 NT E		520	0	2

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the **free software** offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at:

<https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>