

11/17 Newcomer Leaders!

1st / 2nd OA: Elizabeth & Jack Williams (61.3%) TIE
1st / 2nd OA: Patricia Burnham & Patty Ruge (61.3%) TIE



11/20 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: Darleen Young & Natalie Crowe (73.4%) **<WOW!!**
2nd OA: Sharon Koster & Robert Roark (58.8%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic	
		0-30	1 Dec	Mike	Jacoby Transfers
		Sat	12:30	Purcell	
	99er	27 Nov		Ron	Basic Count
		Tue	6:30	Babcock	Signals

CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

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Area Tournaments

Nov 22 – Dec 2 San Francisco, CA NABC
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For Details go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

CBA Holiday Party Wednesday December 5, 2012. Buy tickets before 11/29

Help Partner Defend by Steve Moese

♠ K1094	South
♥ J42	Deals
♦ Q6	
♣ KJ85	
	♠ 832
	♥ K9
	♦ A932
	♣ 10932

Some say defending is the most difficult part of bridge. Any time we have a chance we should help partner find the right play. Here's a hand following a theme published over 50 years ago in Bridge World by Eddie Kantar. You can find a reference to the original article in

North	South
	1N
2♣	2♠
4♣	

November 2012 issue. The opponents have a Stayman auction to 4♠. Partner leads the ♥4 and your ♥K wins. What do you know? First and foremost, declarer doesn't have the ♥A – there's no logical reason for them to duck this trick. Since partner holds the ♥A, there's a good chance we can get 4 tricks by taking 2 ♥s, a ♥ ruff, and the ♦A. What risks do you face? You want to get your ♥ ruff immediately. If partner wins the ♥A and switches, declarer will win the trick and draw trumps

before we arrange our ruff. There is a simple way we can help partner set this contract with certainty.

After winning the ♥K, cash the ♦A!

Let's look at what you and partner both know. South showed 15-17 HCP and dummy has 10. That means the opponents hold 25-27 HCP. You hold 7. Partner holds

WEST

♠ Q3
♥ A10876
♦ 874
♣ 764

the remaining 6-8 HCP. You already know from trick 1 that partner has the ♥A, leaving 2-4 HCP elsewhere.

When partner sees the ♥K and the ♦A, partner knows that you cannot hold another significant high card. There

aren't that many HCPs in the deck! Partner knows you are a good player. Good players do not play their aces "on air" without a purpose. There are 2 alternatives:

- 1) East has a singleton ♦ and wants a ruff, or
- 2) East has shortness in another suit and wants a ruff

Looking at West's hand, for East to have a singleton ♦, South would have to hold 7 cards in the ♦ suit (West holds 3, dummy 2, if East hold 1 then South must hold 7) – that's not what a 1NT opener is, so the singleton ♦ is not what's happening.

When East next returns the ♥9, West will figure out that East started with a ♥ doubleton and will lead a 3rd round of ♥s to set the contract. Why won't partner switch to another suit (♣s or trump)? East cannot be short in ♣s, nor hold a high card there either, and a trump gives up the hand. (If you return the ♥9 before cashing the ♦A, partner might switch to a ♦ – reading your ♥9 as a suit preference card showing ♦KJ. Then you never get your ruff). Remember to thank partner for their brilliant opening lead and sound defense.

Once you've mastered bidding, learning to count HCP and shape is the next key step toward bridge mastery. Counting helps both partners find the right defense logically. It's always a good idea to count how many HCP partner holds given the auction, and to count shape (auction and lead) to identify a line of attack. Practice counting until it becomes 2nd nature!

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

We had 3 tables and a good discussion on the Stayman Convention. Thanks to everyone in attendance and congratulations to our winners:

1st / 2nd OA TIE: Patricia Burnam & Patty Ruge and Elizabeth & Jack Williams (61.25%) 0.26 MPs

2nd B: Sharon Koster & Salty Roark placed (45%) 0.11 MPS

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

<http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121117A.HTM>

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!

Next Saturday (12/1) Phyllis will be running the Sat game and the seminar is on Jacoby Transfers starting at 12:30. This week we look at a slam hand where you need to work on your short suit first and another hand where opening 1 of the suit is better than a preempt.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 6
♥ A Q 10 4 2
♦ 9 2
♣ Q J 3

♠ 9 8
♥ 9 6
♦ J 7 6 5 4
♣ A 10 8 7

NS: 6N 6♣
5♥ 5♣ 4♦

♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ 10 3
♣ 9 5 2

♠ K Q J 7
♥ K 7
♦ A K Q 8
♣ K 6 4

Bidding – North will open 1♥ on 13 HCP and 5 good ♥s. South with 21 HCP should already be thinking slam. They can start by responded 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ ♠s). When North rebids 1NT, South should ask for aces (Blackwood, Gerber, Roman Keycard), find they are missing 1 ace and settle for 6NT.

Play of the Hand – North starts with 4 ♠s, 3 ♥s and 3 ♦ tricks. They need 2 more tricks to make slam and can only lose the ♣A. To make slam, North should develop 2 ♣ tricks and then take the rest of their winners. Do not try to finesse ♥s or hope for the 3-3 ♥ break. If you fail opponents get a heart

and the ♣A for down 1. **Post Mortem** – Sometimes it is ok to work on the opponent's long suit when it is the safest way for you to get the tricks you need to make your contract.

Bd 8	Scores	MPs		
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT N	990		5	3
6 NT N	990		5	3
6 NT S	990		5	3
6 NT S	990		5	3
6 NT N	990		5	3
6 NT S	990		5	3
6 NT N	990		5	3
3 NT S	490		1	7
2 ♣ E	200		0	8
3 NT S	460		2	0
6 NT S		50	0.5	1.5
6 NT S		50	0.5	1.5

Bd 10	Scores	MPs		
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 ♣ N	130		8	0
5 ♣ N	100		7	1
4 ♣ x N	200		5	3
3 ♣ W	200		5	3
3 ♣ W	200		5	3
5 ♣ x N	500		3	5
4 ♣ W	650		2	6
4 ♣ x E	990	0.5	7.5	
4 ♣ x W	990	0.5	7.5	
4 ♥ W	100		2	0
3 ♥ W	140		1	1
4 ♥ x W	790		0	2

Bidding – West has 6 ♥s and 11 HCP. Because West has 2.5 quick tricks and 4 ♠s, this hand should not be preempted but instead opened 1♥. North will overcall 2♣. West with 9 HCP and support for both ♠s and ♦s will make a takeout double of North's 2♣ bid to show their hand (8+ HCP, at least 4-4 in the unbid suits). South with 10 support points for clubs can cue bid ♥s (showing a limit raise in clubs) or jump in clubs. West with 4 ♠s to support partner, a ♣ void and 15 total support points should compete to 3♠ or 4♠. If West bids 3♠ then East with can go to 4♠ with their 11 point support point hand.

Play of the Hand – Some North's will lead ♣A and others their singleton ♦. If the latter declarer (West) can take that ♦ on the board with the ♦A, take a ♣ ruff and then draw trump looking to capture either the ♠J or ♠Q with the ♠K. After drawing two rounds of trump you can run ♥s driving out the last winning trump in North getting back in your hand to continue to run ♥s with the ♦K. In all you can get a ♣ ruff, 3 ♠s, 5 ♥s (1 will get ruffed) and 2 ♦s for 11 tricks. **Post Mortem** – Not all 11 HCP hands are preempts. With 2.5 quick tricks and a 4 card major side suit, West opening 1♥ will allow you to find your best contract in 4♠.

Board 10

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q J
♥ 9 6 5
♦ 9
♣ A J 9 4 3 2

♠ 8 4 3 2
♥ A K J 10 4 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ —

EW 5♠ 4♥
3♦ 3♣

♠ K 10 9 6
♥ Q 7
♦ A 10 7 5 4
♣ 8 5

♠ 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ K Q 10 7 6

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/>