



Greetings!

The Education Committee introduces the new **CBA NLM Bridge Seminar Series**. We have crafted a new approach to learning that makes the experience more meaningful for our newer bridge players, and easier for seminar leaders. We offer experience-appropriate learning and proven, easily accessible support materials with the goal to encourage greater participation.

We launch the 99er Seminar Series Tuesday January 10, 2011 with the following content plan:

http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/20111129_2012_CBA_99er_Seminar_Plan.html

The 0-20 Seminars (Saturday Afternoons) and NLM Seminars (Monday Evenings) will begin in February. Content for these series will be available in January.

Key features:

- 1) **Seminar Series tuned to the learning goals at each experience level.** Done well, 0-20 players will feel comfortable joining the 99er game, and 99ers will play more in the NLM game and the NLMers will play with more proficiency in open games.
- 2) **A seminar plan with topics and speakers available in advance.** Seminar schedules and handouts are posted to the CBA website. Players and seminar leaders will know what to expect, leading to better participation, better learning, and more tables at our games.
- 3) **Handouts available in advance.** We give priority to information selected from proven resources. Seminar leaders can print out the handouts at the club and make copies just before the seminar.
- 4) **We make learning fun!** Newer players can share questions about all aspects of the game with our more experienced players in a friendly fun group. Our experienced players can put a welcoming face on the CBA and encourage newer players to continue their bridge learning at a comfortable pace.

This is where you come in. We thank you for your past help giving talks on Tuesday Nights, and we ask your help to bring the new seminar series to life. Please volunteer for topics you'd like to share with our 99ers. We ask that you use the posted material, adding personal examples and insights to enrich participants' experience. You will receive one CBA free play for each seminar you lead.

Please do not prepare your own handouts. If you want to improve on the planned material please work with Phyllis Bishop for the 0-20 seminars, Mike Purcell for the 0-99er Seminars and Steve Moese for the NLM Seminars. They own changes to content for these seminars.

Our goal is to match new material to the experience and learning styles of our newer players. The CBA avoids advocacy for any particular style, method, or approach. We encourage a balanced path to good bridge thinking and skill development by sharing how experienced players play the game. We hope this makes for fun, light-hearted seminars that attract more players to each game.

Please contribute your time and experience. Volunteer today! RSVP to Steve Moese with dates of your choice. Stay tuned for 0-20 and NLM seminar opportunities shortly.

Sincerely,

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