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11/24 Thanksgiving Break

See everyone Saturday December 1, 2012 !

11/27 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Gail Zimmer & Andy Heldman** (64%)
2nd OA: **Lewis Temples & James Hunkler** (54%)

CBA Seminars

CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
0-30 Sat	**1 Dec** 12:30	Steve Moese	Jacoby Transfers
99er Tue	**4 Dec** 6:30	Amitabh Raturi	Suit Preference Signals

CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM CBA
Tues 99er 7 PM CBA
Thurs NLM 7 PM CBA
Wed Home Style 11:00 AM CBA
Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC
1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC
0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture 12:30 PM) Partner provided

Area Tournaments

Nov 22 – Dec 2	**San Francisco, CA**	**NABC**
Nov 30 – Dec 2	Kettering, OH	S
Dec 5	CBA Holiday Party	C

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

Check out the **Dayton Sectional** this weekend – a great way to get your Silver Points! Don't forget the **CBA Holiday Party** Wednesday Dec 5 at 6 PM.

National Tournaments by Steve Moese

If you are new to the game, learning about tournament play can be exciting. Since 11/22/12, the ACBL has been contesting the Fall NABC (North American Bridge Championship) Tournament in San Francisco. If you can't go, there are still many ways to enjoy the competition:

1) Play in the Nationwide Charity Pair Game (11/26 at participating clubs)
2) Read the reports and results on acbl.org
3) Enjoy the NABC Daily Bulletins (free)
4) Watch major events on Bridge Base Online
5) Follow key players at Bridgewinners.com

The Daily Bulletins are full of information for the new and aspiring tournament player. There is a full page dedicated to new players on topics ranging among bidding, play, defense and proprieties of the game. In addition many experts share what they know about this wonderful game. One of my favorites is Eddie Kantar's **Thinking Bridge** series. Here is a recent example.

West Deals None Vul	♠ KJ9 ♥ AKJ8 ♦ J5 ♣ A654	
♠ A104 ♥ 43 ♦ KQ1093 ♣ KJ2	N W E S	♠ Q8732 ♥ 52 ♦ 876 ♣ 987
	♠ 65 ♥ Q10976 ♦ A42 ♣ Q103	

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West Leads ♦K

Thinking Bridge by Eddie Kantar NABC Daily Bulletin Saturday November 24, 2012 p3.

Bidding commentary: As South, take at least 1 extra point for a 5-card major facing a takeout double. This ups your count to 9+ revalued points, enough to jump to 2♥ when East passes. A jump response to a takeout double is not forcing and shows 9-11 revalued points. North counts his hand as having 16 HCP (but not counting the ♦J) plus 1 support point (SP) for the doubleton ♦. The North hand weighs in at 17 SP, enough to bid game facing a jump response.

Play commentary: As South, as a matter of course, add your HCP to dummy's and then use the bidding as a guide to determine how their HCP are divided. Your side has 25 HCP and they have 15. West figures to have at least 12 of those 15, so West is a virtual lock to own the ♠A and a heavy favorite to be gazing at the ♣K as well.

Duck the opening lead and win the likely continuation of the ♦Q. Your ducking play gives you later control of the suit, which is helpful. The plan is to strip the hand before leading a ♣ to the 10, the critical suit. Start by leading a ♠. If West plays low, rise with the king and play another ♠. If East wins and exits a ♣, play the 10, but you are basically *d*ead. If, however, East doesn't put up the ♠Q (not an easy play), West will win. West will probably continue with a ♠. If so, ruff in hand, ruff a ♦ in dummy, pull trumps, staying in dummy, and lead a ♣ to the 10. As the card lie, West wins the ♣J, but is in big trouble. He can't safely lead a ♣ from the K. A ♦ return, which provides a ruff and a sluff, is not good either. If a ♦ is led, ruff in dummy and discard a ♣ from your hand, the hand that is shorter in ♣s. This is the proper way to handle a ruff and a sluff when you have a more-or-less equally divided suit with a loser or 2.

Defensive commentary: As East, you have a chance to be the hero here. If you get in with the ♠Q and find a ♣ shift, you break up the later throw-in play that declarer is planning. The shift allows the defense to take two ♣ tricks, just enough to defeat the contract

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Next Saturday (12/1) Phyllis will be running the Sat game and the seminar is on Jacoby Transfers starting at 12:30.

Since we didn't have our regular game last Saturday here are 2 more hands published in the ACBL NABC Daily Bulletin for you to enjoy:

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 staring at 12:15!

East Deals
EW Vul

	♠ KQ4 ♥ 982 ♦ 84 ♣ Q10987	
♠ 875 ♥ 764 ♦ Q10652 ♣ J4	N W E S	♠ 62 ♥ AKQ53 ♦ 93 ♣ K632
	♠ AJ1093 ♥ J10 ♦ AKJ7 ♣ A5	

East	South	West	North
1♥	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West Leads ♥4

Thinking Bridge by Eddie Kantar NABC Daily Bulletin Friday November 23, 2012 p3.

Bidding commentary: As South, with a doubleton in the opener's suit, your takeout double followed by a new suit bid shows 17-18 "working" high-card points (don't count the ♥J). With a singleton in opener's suit, 16 HCP is enough to double and then bid a new suit. If your hand is not strong enough to meet these requirements, overcall. As North, you have enough to boost partner to 3♠. Your hand has improved on the bidding and partner is sitting over there with some 17-18 points. You are an eyelash away from raising to 4♠. As East, you are not strong enough to rebid 2♥ with only 5 ♥s, not to mention a minimum opening, not to mention a silent partner.

Lead commentary: With 3 low cards in partner's unsupported suit, lead low. With 3 low in partner's supported suit, lead high.

Play commentary: As South, if the defense starts with 3 rounds of ♥s, ruff low. West has shown 3 ♥s by leading low-high. Pay attention to the 2nd card the opening leader plays after having led partner's unsupported suit. There's a world of difference between high-low and low-high.

Play commentary #2. As South, the plan is to ruff 2 ♦s in dummy with high trumps. After ruffing the 3rd ♥, play the ♦A and ♦K and ruff a ♦ high. If the Q has not appeared, cross to the ♣A and ruff the ♦J high. You remain with 4 high trumps and a losing ♣. Making 4.

Defensive commentary: As East, if the ♣Q is led from dummy, cover. If a low club is led, play low.

Thinking Bridge by Eddie Kantar NABC Daily Bulletin Sunday November 25, 2012 p3

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West Leads ♥A

Bidding commentary: As South, with a reasonable 5-card major plus an unbalanced hand, do not sell out to 1NT. Partner must have some strength or the opponents wouldn't be stopping in 1NT. For North, it is not clear just how strong partner is. South is a non-passed hand and is in the "dead" or balancing seat. If South passes, the auction is over. When in the dead seat, the bidder is allowed point-count leeway. In order to cover all bases, North raises to 3♠, allowing partner to make the final decision. As South, you have too many losers to accept the invitation.

West Deals
None Vul

	♠ AJ7 ♥ J82 ♦ K863 ♣ K54	
♠ 652 ♥ AKQ3 ♦ A7 ♣ QJ98	N W E S	♠ Q3 ♥ 975 ♦ 1095 ♣ 107632
	♠ K10984 ♥ 1064 ♦ QJ42 ♣ A	

Defensive commentary: As West, start with 3 top hearts and shift to the ♣Q. As East, holding the ♣10, an equal honor to partner's Q, signal encouragement with the ♣7. A player who leads the Q from the QJ loves to know who has the 10!

Play commentary: West has turned up with 9 high-card points in hearts and surely 3 in clubs for a total of 12. Assuming an opening 1NT range of 15-17 HCP, West cannot hold the ♦A and the ♠Q, the two missing honors. That would give West 18 HCP, too many to open 1NT. Nor can West hold the ♠Q and not the ♦A. That would give him 14 HCP. West can, however, hold the ♦A and not the ♠Q, because that would give West 16 HCP, the winner! Translation: Play East, not West, for the ♠Q. If you do, you wind up losing three hearts and one diamond. What a detective you are! When an opponent's bid has a known HCP range, use those numbers to place the missing high honor cards.

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/