

12/15 Newcomers Leaders

1st OA: **Barry Wauligman & Virginia Dollar** (58.33%)

2nd OA: **Joanne Oppelt & Lyle Smith** (56.94%)

12/18 Tuesday Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Mark Mitchell & Gail Zimmer** (67%)

2nd OA: **Mary Friesen & Mary Rider** (61%)



This is the final issue of the CBA 99er Newsletter for the year. Publication will resume with Volume 2 beginning **January 9, 2012**. We take this time to wish you and your family the best of the Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Make a resolution to play more bridge next year!

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30		No Seminars.	
	Sat		Look for a new series coming next year.	
	99er		Time and topics TBD.	
	Tue			

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 12:30 PM) Partner provided

Area Tournaments

Dec 26-Jan 1 STaC CBA S
Jan 11-13 Columbus S
Jan 16-20 **Independence OH** **R**
Jan 26-27 **D11 GNT Finals** **N/R**
 Kettering, OH

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

Silver Points! Silver Points!
Join us at the D11 STaC from
Dec 26 through January 1 at the CBC.

On Counting by Steve Moese

How does counting inform our choices as declarer?

Consider the auction:
What do we know?

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
2♥	1♣	Dbl	Pass
	Pass	4♥	AP

Count HCP – We should have 25-26 HCP and LHO should have 12-14 HCP. That leaves RHO with 0-3 HCP. We also know that LHP has at least 3 cards in ♣s (unless they use the so-called short club showing at least 2-cards).

Count Length - Without seeing the hands, our jump to 2♥ shows 9-11 HCP and 4+ ♥s. We might hold 7 HCP if we have extra ♥ length and useful shortness in another suit (not ♣s). All 7-8 HCP must be working – that is be in suits where we have length and not in opponents' suits. Partner should have 4+ ♥s and 15-17 HCP. With more, partner would have made a Cue bid in ♣s. When dummy hits we count some more. Dummy has 16 HCP.

Dummy	Declarer
♠AQ32	♠J94
♥KJ32	♥A1094
♦AQ98	♦J3
♣3	♣K98

and declarer has 9 so we total 25. LHO has 12 (opening bid) or more so RHO has at most 3 HCP. LHO leads the ♠5. **Counting Shape** – using the rule of 11 (4th best leads) 11-5 = 6. There are 6 cards higher than the ♠5 out. We can see 4 of them, so RHO has only 2 cards higher than the ♠5. Do NOT put in dummy's ♠Q. Instead play low, and see what RHO does. If RHO goes up with the ♠K, don't worry – that's the only honor they can have. RHO has to have all the rest! Counting matters!

Let's try one more. Consider the auction:

What do we know?

Count HCP & Shape – LHO has at least 12 HCP and 3♣s. You have 15-17 HCP

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
	1♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	AP

and a good 6-card ♠ suit (A jump in the balancing seat shows a good suit and a good hand – a hand difficult to be after a simple overcall or double). RHO has at most 4 HCP. Everyone responds with 5 HCP. Many aggressive players strain to respond over a minor suit with an Ace or 2 Qs these days.

Partner must have 10-11 HCP (they didn't open), a good fit for ♠s and perhaps some values in the ♣

Dummy	Declarer
♠J87	♠KQ10942
♥KJ3	♥AQ9
♦9852	♦KJ3
♣AQ3	♣8

suit (they didn't double), and likely no biddable suit of their own. There has to be a reason partner did not overcall or double their opening bid.

LHO leads the ♥2, which indicates RHO has 3 higher ♥s. Winning and leading a small ♠ to the ♠7 won by RHO with the ♠A. RHO has no more High Cards. No matter what RHO returns we will lose not more than 2♦s and 1♠. We can finesse in ♣s with confidence.

Say RHO returns the ♦10. We cover with the ♦J and LHO can now win their ♦Q. If they continue ♦ our K sets up. If they switch we lead a ♥ to hand, finesse the ♣K and drop a ♦ loser on the ♣A. Voila! Counting makes iffy plays into sure plays.

Start counting now! Your partners will thank you!

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This week we had 3½ tables. Sorry I missed everyone. I was nursing a very sore knee and would rather have been at the bridge table. Our winners this week are:

1st Barry Wauligman & Virginia Dollar (58.33%) 0.42 Masterpoints

2nd Joanne Oppelt & Lyle Smith (56.94%) 0.29 Masterpoints

3rd Patricia Burnam & Lisa Eisenstein (53.97%) 0.21 Masterpoints

Full results for Saturday's game are at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/121215A.HTM>

Next Saturday (12/22) Phyllis and Potter will be running the Sat game. No Seminar this Sat but we will be developing a new fun seminar series for 2013.

There will **NOT** be a 0-30 game on Sat 12/29. Instead we are having a **Sectional Tournament at Club (STAC)**. This is a great chance to win Silver Masterpoints at the club. Saturday 12/29 will have a non-life master section with a special stratification for 0-30 players. Game fee is \$9 and game time is 1pm. I highly encourage you to come out a play in this special event.

This week we look at how to show a great hand with 24 HCP after the opponents open first. If you have any questions, you are welcome to email me.

Board 21 ♠ K 10
 North Deals ♥ 10 9 3
 N-S Vul ♦ Q 9 8 5 3
 ♣ 9 6 4

♠ A Q 3	♠ J 9 8 7
♥ A K Q 7	♥ J 8 6 5 4 2
♦ A K 6 4	♦ 2
♣ Q 5	♣ 7 3

N	E
W	S

EW 4♥ 1N; ♠ 6 5 4 2
 E 3♠; W 2♠; ♥ —
 NS 2♦ 3♣ ♦ J 10 7 ♣ A K J 10 8 2

Bidding – West has 24 HCP in this deal. If all pass (OK I dreaming), West's best opening is 2♣ promising any hand with 21+ HCP (but not 21 HCP balanced which is better opened 2NT). East will bid 2♦. This bid is artificial, says nothing about diamonds and is a waiting bid to allow West to further describe their big hand. West will rebid 2NT showing a balanced 22-24 HCP. With six hearts East knows there is a fit since West must have at least 2 for their 2NT rebid. East only has 2 HCP but if hearts is trumps their hand is worth 6 support points (2 HCP, 2 for the singleton, 1 for the doubleton and 1 for the 6th heart), more than enough for a heart game. If you play Jacoby Transfers (http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/20121116_Jacoby_Transfer_Bids.pdf), East will bid 3♦ to forcing West to bid 3♥ and then raising them to game. If you do not play transfers, then East must bid 4♥ directly and allow defense to see the big hand in dummy.

What if South preempts 3♣? – Even with 4 spades, most Souths in 3rd seat will preempt 3♣. If this happens West knows that they likely have game if they can find partners best suit. Making a takeout double (<http://home.comcast.net/~kwbridge/comp.htm>) of 3C shows 16+ HCP at the 3-level and typically support for the other suits. East will reluctantly bid 3♥. West with 4 great hearts and 25 support points for hearts on their own can easily raise to game at 4♥.

What if South opens 1♣? – With 6 good clubs and no defense, a preemptive 3♣ is a better bid but if South does open 1♣ weak in 3rd seat, West can still make a takeout double. At the one level this shows 12+ HCP. If North does not bid, East will bid 1♥ and West can raise to game. If North bids 1♦ (or 1NT) and East passes no matter what South bids (2♣, 2♦ or pass) West can double again. This is not penalty but a demand bid for East to show their best suit. Once East shows hearts, West can raise to game.

Play of the Hand – As long as South gets their club bid in, North-South can get two clubs and eventually one spade. If a club is not on opening lead, East-West can pitch one club loser on diamonds to make 5. Just one more reason preempts are effective.

Post Mortem – Sometimes it is hard to show a huge hand when opponents get into the bidding first. Takeout doubles are a powerful tool to help you reach the best contract despite the best efforts of your opponents.

Bd 21	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥ E	100		8	0
5♥ E	50		7	1
3♥ E		170	6	2
4♥ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♥ W		420	2.5	5.5
4♥ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♥ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♥ E		420	2.5	5.5
4♥ E		420	2.5	5.5
3♣ W	100		2	0
2♠ E	50		1	1
3♠ E		140	0	2

Looking to improve your game? If you have a Windows Computer we highly recommend the **free software** offered by the ACBL Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>