

2/16 Newcomer Leaders –

- 1st OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster** (57.9%)
 2nd OA(Tie): **Pam Campbell & Judy Barrick** (53.97%)
 2nd OA(Tie): **Joanne & Tim Oppelt** (53.97%)
 2nd OA(Tie): **Virginia Dollar & Barry Wauligman** (53.97%)



2/19 Tuesday Evening STaC – NLM Leaders

- 1st OA: **Gail Zimmer & Andy Heldman**(54.2%)
 2nd OA: **Martin Gibler & Garen Wisner** (51.7%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	Feb 23	No	STaC Games – come
	Sat		Lecture	out and play!
	99er			
	Tue			Check back for new 99er seminar plans.

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

- Feb 18 – 24 Cincinnati OH D11 STaC S
 Mar 1 – 3 Gilbertsville KY S
Mar 4 – 10 Indianapolis IN R
Mar 14 – 24 St Louis MO N

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

Playing with a new partner? Discuss defense first. Keep your bidding agreements simple and talk misunderstanding away from the table. Above all make the game fun!

Opening Bids by Steve Moese

Bd 9	Scores	MPs	A big benefit playing in the 99er game in parallel with the Open game comes when we compare how the 2 fields behaved. Hand 9 from Tuesday Feb 12 Evening's game is a good example.
Open	N-S E-W	N-S E-W	
2 NT E	200	7.5 0.5	The Open field chose to play in some number of No Trumps. One pair tried 3♦ in vain.
3 NT E	200	7.5 0.5	
1 NT N	120	6 2	In the 99er game, the hand was passed out twice or 1♥. Let's look at the hands to understand these big differences in results.
3 NT E	100	5 3	
1 NT N	50	4 4	
1 NT E	90	3 5	
2 NT W	120	2 6	
2 NT W	150	1 7	
3 ♦ x N	300	0 8	
99er Game			
Pass	Pass	1.5 0.5	
Pass	Pass	1.5 0.5	
1 ♥ W	110	0 2	

Board 9 ♠ K J 5
 North Deals ♥ A 10 9 8
 E-W Vul ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ Q J 9

♠ Q 7 2 ♠ 9 4 3
 ♥ K 6 5 3 2 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ K 3 ♦ A Q 8 7
 ♣ K 10 2 ♣ A 8 6 5

W IN: 1♦;
 EW 2♣: 1♥
 ♠ A 10 8 6
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 7 4 3

There is a big difference in hand evaluation between the two groups. Let's look at a good tool to decide whether to open a hand:

Rule of 22 – Add up:
 1) HCP. 2) # Cards in 2 Longest Suits 3) # Quick Tricks. If the total is 22 or more- Open. If less, decide based on the

offensive potential of the hand and vulnerability. Quick Tricks? They are immediate or nearly immediate winners: A=1, AK=2, KQ=1, AQ=1½ AKQ=2 (in a suit contract the Q might not be a quick trick). Armed with this new tool, let's see how all 4 hands compare:

MPs	North	East	South	West
Vul	None	Vul	None	Vul
HCP	12+	12	5	11
# Cards	7	8	8	8
# QTs	1½	2½	1	1½
Rule	20.5+	22.5	14	20.5+
Action	Open!	Open	Pass	Open!

North's hand seems too weak to open, many will see the vulnerability and decide

their intermediates (8, 9, &10s) and open. East's hand is a CLEAR modern opening bid. South has a poor hand but must respond once if partner opens – the A and 4♣ cards might enable a valuable partial contract. Many experts would open West's hand in 4th seat. In 3rd or 4th seat many adjust opening bids to compete when neither side has game. With 14 *Pearson Points* (# ♠s + # HCP) some will pass, but 5♥ cards and 3 Ks make declaring a partial attractive. **In hands that are a part score battle, get to our strain and level 1st to win.**

In the 99er game 2 pairs passed this hand out. One played in 1♥. MPs demands we compete. In the open game there were 6 EW and 3 NS contracts. 8 of them were in NT.

One reason: at Matchpoints opening aggressively pays off over the long run. Another reason: NT is king when partials are likely and there is no major suit fit.

Many players relax opening requirements in 3rd seat – after 2 passes, the player in 4th seat must have a good hand or cards are evenly distributed. Opening in 4th seat we expect to own the auction and make the contract.

This week we had 4 full tables again. Great to see this many players. Our winners this week are:

1st OA: Salty Roark and Sharon Koster (57.94%) - 0.80 Masterpoints
3 pairs tied for 2nd - 0.41 Masterpoints:

Pam Campbell and Judy Barrick, Joanne and Tim Oppelt and Virginia Dollar and Barry Wauligman.

Full results for Saturday’s game can be found at:
<http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130216A.HTM>

This week we look at a 3NT hand from Saturday where if you take the riskier path you will be rewarded. If you have any questions on this hand or others from Sat, you are welcome to email me.

NO 0-30 Newcomer GAME Sat 2/23 – We will have special Sectional Tournament at Club (STAC) Games Saturday at 10am and 2:30pm. The 10am game has a non-life master section if attendance permits. This game is a great opportunity to earn Silver points in a limited field. Hope you can make it. We will resume as normal the following Sat (3/2)

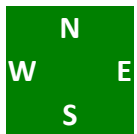
Board 5

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

♠ A 10 5 4 3	♠ 7 6
♥ 5 4	♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ K 9 8	♦ J 3
♣ J 10 5	♣ Q 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 9 8 2	♠ 7 6
♥ A K 6	♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 7 6 4 2	♦ J 3
♣ 7 2	♣ Q 9 8 4 3

NS 5♥; 4N; 5♦;
3♠; N 3♣; S 2♣



Bidding – On this hand North has 20 HCP but 4 of them are in a KJ doubleton. Many will downgrade this hand and open 1♦ looking to jump to 2NT later if partner can respond. South will respond 1♠ showing 4+ spades and 6+ HCP. North can now rebid 2NT showing 18-19 HCP balanced. South with 9 HCP will push on to game at 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Opening lead at many tables will be ♣4 (fourth best). When playing NT contracts start by counting your winners. On this hand declarer has 7 winners (4♥, 1♦, 2♣). The safest way to guarantee two more winners is to develop spade tricks. This guarantees the contract but could set up

the spade suit for opponents minimizing the chances for overtricks. You can also finesse diamonds to win tricks and set up the suit. This play has a risk of not making the contract if East has KJ because you could lose 2♦, 3♣ and 1♠.

However developing diamonds is a higher reward play because if the suit behaves normally (split honors, 3-2 distribution) you rate to win 2 more diamonds (♦A was already a winner) and may still be able to attack spades later for overtricks. On this hand declarers that played on diamonds made overtricks while those who settled for just 9 tricks scored only 1 out of 8 Matchpoints in the open game.

Post Mortem – When faced with a choice of which suit to develop to make your contract, choose the one with the best risk/reward benefit, particularly in Matchpoint scoring where overtricks can mean the difference between a top and a bottom result.

Bd 5	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT N	660		6	2
3 NT N	660		6	2
3 NT S	660		6	2
3 NT N	660		6	2
3 NT N	660		6	2
3 NT N	630		3	5
3 NT N	600		1	7
3 NT N	600		1	7
3 NT N	600		1	7
3 NT N	660		3	0
3 NT N	600		2	1
3 NT N		100	0.5	2.5
4 ♥ N		100	0.5	2.5