

### 3/9 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

- 1st OA: **Barry Wauligman & Alice Kitzmiller** (56.25%)  
 2nd OA: **Erin LaFargue & Patty Ruge** (51.25%)  
 2nd OA: **Kay Neal & Beth Wales** (51.25%)



### 3/12 99er Tues Eve Leaders

- 1st OA: **Stacy Vanstone & Martin Gibler** (64%)  
 2nd OA: **Lisa Eisenstein & Pam Campbell** (55%)

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Sat	Mar 16	Mike Purcell	When to Take Stoppers

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### Slam Decisions by Steve Moese

**Board 9**

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

Here's a hand from Tuesday Evening March 12, 2013 – the ACBL-Wide Charity Game. East has a semi-balanced 21 HCP hand. Some might open 2N. Others recognizing the power of the 3 Aces backed with Queens m open ♣.

We show the 2N auction here. The 1♣ auction is touchy and requires good partnership discipline with control bidding to arrive at the best spot.

North	East	South	West	
Pass	2N	Pass	3♣	2N is a balanced 20-21 HCP. Even with 4=2=2=5 shape (a semibalanced hand) 2N gets strength and shape defined accurately. Here we use regular Stayman. After Stayman, responder's rebid of a new suit is a game force, interest in slam. 4♦ implies but does not guarantee support for partner's shown major. 4♥ is a control bid. 4N all but confirms a ♠ fit and asks for key cards. 1430 responses are slightly better. They leave more room for the trump Q ask. When West asks for the ♠Q, East bids the slam. S/he has no Ks to show.
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>1</sup>	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4N <sup>2</sup>	
Pass	5♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5♥ <sup>4</sup>	
Pass	6♠!!	All Pass		

1= Natural Slammish 2= 1430 RKB  
 3= 0 or 3 Key Cards 4= Have you ♠Q?

The key question: **Do we belong in 6NT or 6♠??** That depends on the game! In Teams with IMP scoring, play in the SAFEST SLAM. Here we control the risk of damage in ♣s by playing a trump contract (♠s).

In Board-a-Match Teams and **Match Point Pairs**, a 10-point difference can decide a win or a loss. Go for the top score. **In Match Points, pick 6♠!** Why? It's about how many aces we have.

With 3 of the 4 aces, playing in 6N makes sense if we can see 12 tricks without ruffing.

Bd 9	Scores	Matchpoints
	N-S E-W	N-S E-W
6 NT E	100	6.5 0.5
5 ♦ W	100	6.5 0.5
6 ♠ E	1430	4.5 2.5
6 ♠ E	1430	4.5 2.5
6 NT E	1440	3 4
6 ♠ E	1460	1 6
6 ♠ E	1460	1 6
6 ♠ E	1460	1 6
3 NT E	690	1 1
6 ♠ E	420	0.5 3.5
4 ♠ E	420	0.5 3.5

Holding 4 Aces, it's often (but not always) better to play in ♠s!!! The opponents are likely to get their outstanding Ace. So 12 tricks in NT will score 10 points more than 12 tricks in ♠s.

The exception? When we need to cross ruff or to ruff a long suit to get to 12 tricks. Then by all means insist on a trump contract. **Do not think about bidding 7.** You need a ♠ finesse so 7 is 50% at best. If you bid 7 & go down you get 1MP (table-3 at -100). If you bid 6 & make you get 6 MPs (no one makes 7). So we need 85.7% slam to make 7 a good choice. We have 50%. Don't bid 7 unless you're looking for a new partner...☺.

Check out the new CBA website! We have completed a renovation of our CBA Home Page at [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com). You don't have to do a thing! Here is a link to an explanation of the changes and new features we offer. [http://www.cincybridge.com/2013310\\_CBA\\_Home\\_Update.pdf](http://www.cincybridge.com/2013310_CBA_Home_Update.pdf) Please visit our new home page and explore! We hope that you like this new look and can find what you want easily. Look for the Newcomer's Page under **Learn/Improve** → **For Newcomers**. If you have any comments or questions please contact either Steve Moese ([moesefamily@aol.com](mailto:moesefamily@aol.com)) or Potter Orr ([pottero@orrcomputer.com](mailto:pottero@orrcomputer.com)).

**Newcomer News – Mike “Having Fun is Always on My Convention Card” Purcell** 513 702 4007

Hi Everyone - This week we had 3 tables and our leaders were:

1<sup>st</sup>: **Barry Wauligman & Alice Kitzmiller** placed (56.25%) **0.36 MPs**

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: **Erin Lafargue & Patty Ruge** (51.25%) **0.22 MPs**

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: **Kay Neal and Beth Wales** (51.25%) **0.22 MPs**

Full results for Saturday's game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130309A.HTM>

Special welcome to new players **Gary Thompson** and **Erin Lafargue**. This Saturday (3/16) I will be running the Newcomer game and doing this week's talk: **NT Contract Play - When to take Stoppers**.

Let's look at a deal where the North and South hands do not fit well but with game values agree to disagree in 3NT.

**Board 14** ♠ K 7  
 East Deals ♥ K  
 None Vul ♦ K J 7 4 3  
 ♣ A K 10 9 3

♠ 10 9 4	N	♠ J 8 6
♥ Q J 7 3	W	♥ 10 6
♦ 10 9 5	E	♦ A Q 6 2
♣ J 8 4	S	♣ Q 6 5 2

NS 5♠, 4N,  
 4♥, 3♦;  
 N 4♣; S 3♣

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

**Bidding** – On this distributional hand, the bidding can go many ways. If South passes initially, North with 17 HCP and 5-5 in the minors will open 1♦. South can then respond 1♥ (6+ HCP, 4+ hearts). North should then rebid 3♣ to show their invitational hand (16-18 HCP). South should then bid 3♠ to offer partner one last chance for a major suit game. North will of course go to 3NT.

If South opens – On this hand many Souths will open either 1♥ or 1♠. I prefer 1♠ because it allows an easy 2♥ rebid showing a two-suited minimum

hand. North will overcall 2♦ (10+HCP, 5+ Diamonds) and after 2♥ from South will rebid 3♣. South should bid hearts one more time at the three level and wise North's will recognize the misfit and settle for 3NT. In some cases North will go too high in 6NT.

**Play of the Hand** – In NT contracts we start by counting winners. On this deal we have 7 winners (3S, 2H, 2C). Getting more is very difficult because communication between the two hands is horrible. The good news is opponents cannot run their suits either. Assuming a ♦2 opening lead from East (fourth best) you should cash ♥K and then ♠K to start running spades. When spades are 3-3 you get 10 tricks (5S, 2H, 1D, 2C). Similar results on a club opening lead.

**Post Mortem** – When you do not fit well with partner, NT can be the best place to play. Do not be afraid to be there even when hands do not fit well. There is usually a way to make the hand.

Bd 14	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	430		8	0
4 ♠ S	420		7	1
3 NT N	400		6	2
2 ♠ N	170		5	3
6 NT N		50	4	4
6 NT N		100	2	6
6 ♠ S		100	2	6
6 NT N		100	2	6
6 NT N		150	0	8
2 NT N	210		2	0
2 ♥ S	110		1	1
3 NT N		50	0	2

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/>