

3/16 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

1st OA: **Joan Oppelt & Lyle Smith** (60.82%)
 2nd OA: **Maureen Miller & Rosemary Frank** (58.21%)



3/19 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Karen Kalla & Richard Horvitz** (58.8%)
 2nd OA: **Judy Barrick & Pam Campbell** (56%)

Newcomers ← Click for Web page			
CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	Mar 23		No Newcomer Seminar

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	

Hold These DATES at the CBA:
Tues Eve April 2 – 2013 Awards Party and Game
Saturday April 6 – Learn Bridge in a Day! is back!!!

Area Tournaments

Mar 14 – 24	St Louis MO	N
Mar 26 – 31	Indianapolis, IN	S
Apr 1 – 6	Indianapolis IN Unit 130	S
Apr 5 – 7	Columbus, OH	S
Apr 12 – 14	Dayton OH	S
Apr 15 – 21	Gatlinburg, TN	R

For Details go to <http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php>

St Louis NABC Underway by Steve Moese

The St. Louis North American Bridge Championships began Thursday 3/14 and run through Sunday March 24. You can track daily results on the ACBL website.

[ACBL NABC St. Louis results](#)

Or, you can follow the action live beginning Thursday March 21 at Bridge Base Online where they will broadcast the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams round of 16.

[Bridge Base Online](#) (You will need to register in BBO to watch. Registration and watching are easy and free. There is always one table with voice commentary – and the commentators are very good. Click Play Bridge Now, then set up your account information – click Become A member (Free). When logged in, click the Vugraph matches tab and choose a table to watch (the players' names are shown)

The NABC Daily Bulletins are full of free information for new and advancing players. One of my favorites is

Eddie Kantars “Thinking Bridge Series”

From St Louis ACBL Daily Bulletin Sat March 16, 2013 page 3. [Link to Daily Bulletin](#). Long-suit establishment and responding to a 2♣ opener.

East	♠ Q52		
Deals	♥ A7643		
Both Vul	♦ A6		
	♣ 964		
♠ A86		♠ 9	
♥ J95		♥ Q1085	
♦ QJ984		♦ 10732	
♣ Q105		♣ 8732	
	♠ AKJ743		
	♥ K2		
	♦ K5		
	♣ AKJ		
East	South	West	North
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4N	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Bidding commentary:

As North, your 2♥ response is natural and positive. Some play a positive response guarantees 2 of the top 3 honors, a bit restrictive. Agreeing the trump suit at the 3-level (3♠) facilitates slam bidding. Also, 2 aces plus the queen of partners suit facing any sane 2♣ opening should be more than enough for slam. 4NT was Roman Key Card

Blackwood (RKCB) and the 5♠ response shows 2 key cards (the 4 aces and the ♠K are key cards) plus the ♠Q. A 5♥ response also shows 2 keycards but denies the ♠Q. As South, though you can only count 12 sure tricks, ♥ establishment plus at worst the ♣ finesse make bidding a grand slam odds on.

Play commentary:

As South, in order to avoid the ♣ finesse, you must try to set up at least 1 of dummy's ♥s for a club discard. When setting up a long suit in dummy, keep as many “late” entries to dummy as possible. Win the ♦K and play the ♠A and ♠K. Notice that the ♦A and the ♠Q remain as late dummy entries. Next, cash the ♥K and play a ♥ to the ace. Ruff a ♥ with the ♠J in case South is out of ♥s. He is! There is still one higher ♥ outstanding – you are counting the suit, right? Not to worry, you have 2 dummy entries. Cross to the ♠Q, drawing South's last trump and ruff a ♥. Don't look now, but you have established dummy's 5th ♥ for your 13th trick! Cross to the ♦A and discard the ♣J on the long ♥. Well done.

When setting up a long suit, use trump entries before side suit entries (♠Q before ♦A).

Hi Everyone - This week we had 5 full tables! Pretty sure that’s a record for our game. Note we were able to award more places and masterpoints due to the size of the game! Thanks to everyone who came out. Full results for Saturday’s game are at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130316A.HTM>

This week’s leaders are:

- 1st: Joanne Oppelt & Lyle Smith (60.82%) 0.50 MPs
- 2nd: Maureen Miller & Rosemary Frank (58.21%) 0.45 MPs
- 3rd: Bill Breagy & Terri Jacobs (54.40%) 0.32 MPs
- 4th: Marianne Klekamp & Alice Kitzmiller finished (53.69%) 0.23 MPs
- 5th: Kay Neal & Patti Ruge (51.79%) 0.16 MPs

There will be **NO seminar this week**. Too many of us like me are off playing at ACBL Nationals in St. Louis.

This Saturday (3/23) Potter Orr will be running the Newcomer game. Sat March 30th we will resume seminars holding the last one on the NT Play of the Hand Series. **New cards!** Marvin and I did this after last Saturday’s game so we have new cards in play this week.

This week we look at a 3NT deal where opponents find their suit at trick one and put the pressure on by driving out declarer’s stopper right away.

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4
♥ A 3
♦ K J 10 8
♣ K 7

♠ 10 8
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ J 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ K J 10 7
♦ Q
♣ A 5 3 2

♠ K 9
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 6

NS 5♠, 4N,
5♦, 2♥, 3♣

Bidding – North has 18 HCP and 5 ♠s and opens 1♠ (shows 5+ ♠s, 12-20 HCP). South with 9 HCP but no support for ♠s will respond 1NT (6-9 HCP). North must now rebid 2NT to show their 18-19 HCP hand and invite game. South has already shown 6-9 HCP so accepting requires 8-9 HCP (pass with 6-7 HCP). On this hand, South with 9 HCP bids 3NT.

Play of the Hand – Opening lead ♥2 (4th best). We have 8 winners (5♠, 1♥, 2♦). The bad news is the opponents have found their best suit and we only have 1 stopper. While we are hopeful opponent’s ♥s break 4-4, we must guard against 5-3. We let

opponents win the 1st ♥ and wait until 2 two to take our ♥A. This is good play and you never know: sometimes the opponents will switch to another suit after trick 1 or accidentally block the ♥ suit in the short hand. Defense is hard and we should give opponents every chance to get it wrong. Assuming best defense, we must now find the best suit to attack to get us a 9th trick with the least amount of risk. Choices are ♦s or ♣s. In ♦s we can get 2 more tricks if we capture the Q, 1 more otherwise. In ♣s we can get one more ♣ but have to lose the ♣A first and let opponents have their ♥s. Since the ♦ play give us a chance to develop the 9th trick without losing the lead, this is the best choice. Take you best guess on where the queen is and finesse. In this case if you guess wrong so will still be ok if you play correctly. If we assume West has the ♦Q, we should cash the ♦A and then take our finesse playing up the ♦J. On this line of play you will still capture the Q and win 10 tricks (5♠, 1♥, 4♦) for +430.

Bd 1	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♦ N	920		12	0
3 NT S	490		11	1
4 ♠ N	480		9.5	2.5
4 ♠ N	480		9.5	2.5
3 NT S	460		8	4
3 NT S	430		4.5	7.5
3 NT N	430		4.5	7.5
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3 NT S	430		4.5	7.5
5 ♦ N	420		0.5	11.5
5 ♦ N	420		0.5	11.5
3 NT N	430		4	0
3 NT S	400		3	1
2 NT S	210		2	2
1 NT S	180		1	3
1 NT S	120		0	4

Post Mortem – Even when the opponents find there suit 1st and push out your stopper, you can still be successful if you plan your play well.

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/>