

3/23 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

1st OA: Virginia Dollar & Verna Gibson (60%)

2nd OA: Kay Neal & Patty Ruge (55%)



3/26 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: Mark Mitchell & Andy Heldman (60%)

2nd OA: Lewis Temples & James Hunkler (51.3%)

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CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	Mar 30/ 12:30	Mike Purcell	NT Declarer Play – Avoiding the Danger Hand

CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM Wed Home Style 11:00 AM CBA

Tues 99er 7 PM Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC

Thurs NLM 7 PM 1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC

Sat 0-40 1 PM (Lecture 12:30 PM) partners 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

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

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Just Like in the Book by Steve Moese

Board 2	♠ A Q 8 5	Tues Eve
East	♥ K Q 9 5	March 19
Deals	♦ 9	
N-S Vul	♣ A K 7 2	
♠ K 10 9 7		♠ 6 4 3
♥ 10		♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ K 10 6 5 2		♦ A J 7 4
♣ J 9 6		♣ 8 4
	♠ J 2	
NS 6♥, 5♣,	♥ A J 7 6	
2N, 2♠;	♦ Q 8 3	
EW 1♦	♣ Q 10 5 3	

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♦ ¹
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1 = Splinter 0/1 ♦ GF & 4 trumps

position and is wrong if partner wants a forcing defense

Bidding: Many reach 4♥. North's hand is worth 21 Support Points when South responds 1♥. A 4441 18 HCP hand can be hard to bid with no fit. North insists on game. If you don't play splinter raises, then the auction will be 1♣-P-1♥-P 4♥.

Opening Lead: No rush to lead a ♦ since North has a void or singleton. A trump gives away the trump

(partner likely has 3 or 4 trumps on this auction). That leaves ♣ & ♠. North has promised at least 2nd round control in the unbid suits (♣ & ♠). A ♣ is safest. Lead ♣9 (♣6 if you lead small from 3).

The Play: Count winners. We have 1♠, 4♥, 0♦, & 3♣. We need 2 more. We have a ♦ loser we cannot avoid, and a slow loser in ♠s. Win the ♣K in Dummy and play the ♦9. East will win ♦A and lead back a trump (best). Win the ♥A in hand – note the fall of the ♥10. Lead the ♠2 and play the ♠Q when West plays low. Take the ♠ finesse

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East	♥	
Deals	♦	
N-S Vul	♣ 7	
♠ K 10		♠ 6
♥		♥
♦ K		♦ J 7
♣		♣
	♠ J	
NS 6♥, 5♣,	♥	
2N, 2♠;	♦ Q	
EW 1♦	♣ 10	

early because we've no place to put the slow loser. Be sure to lead the ♠2 not the ♠J in case West covers or the finesse loses. Ruff the ♦8 with the ♥5 and play top trumps in dummy. Now ♣ to hand, draw the last trump and cash ♣s to get to this

position with 3 cards left. **Cash the last ♣ in hand.**

Watch ♦s. If you do not see the ♦K discarded then play out the ♠s – they must be good! West has to unguard either ♠ or ♦s and give you your 12th trick - a simple squeeze.

Post Mortem: Squeezes are rare. When East wins the ♦A, West has the ♦K. The early finesse shows West has the ♠K too – West cannot protect both ♠s and ♦s on the run of ♥s and ♣s. We need a ♠ finesse to get 12 tricks, so we cannot squeeze East! Don't think of bidding slam. A finesse + squeeze = poor chance of success! If you didn't see this squeeze at 1st, don't feel bad. Squeezes develop as we learn where key cards are. West held the ♠&♦ Kings so squeezing West was possible. Note no one in the open game made more than 11 tricks. Why splinter? If South holds ♠K2 ♥AJ76 ♦873 ♣Q1053 then 6♥ makes – no waste in ♦!

Bd 2	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ S	650		2.5	0.5
4♥ S	650		2.5	0.5
4♥ S	620		1	2
3 N S	100		0	3
4♥ S	620		3	0
2♥ S	230		2	1
4♥ S		100	0.5	2.5
4♥ S		100	0.5	2.5

This week we had 3 tables. Thanks to everyone who came out. This week’s leaders are:

1st **Virginia Dollar & Verna Gibson** (60%) 0.36 MPs

2nd **Kay Neal and Patty Ruge** (55%) 0.25 MPs

Full results for Saturday’s game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130323A.HTM>

This Saturday (March 30) I will be running the Newcomer game and presenting the last seminar on NT Play of the Hand: Avoiding the Danger Hand.

NO GAME (April 6) – The CBA will hold a Learn Bridge in a Day event Saturday April 6th. If you have friends that want to learn what bridge is all about, this is a great event for them to attend.

This week we take a break from NT to look at an interesting distributional hand. Enjoy!

Board 5

North Deals ♠ 7 6 5
N-S Vul ♥ 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 7 6 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

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

Bidding – East with 18 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠ (12-20 HCP, 5+ spades). South with 16 HCP and 5 good hearts can overcall 2♥. West with 8 support points for spades (7 HCP plus 1 for the doubleton) will respond 2♠ (6-9 support points, 3+ spades). East may then raise to game or invite by bidding 3♠. West at the top of their promised range should go to game if invited.

Play of the Hand – Opening lead is ♣K (top of a series). Declarer (East) should plan their play by counting losers. On this deal declarer has 5 losers (1S, 2H, 2C). One of the club losers could be ruffed in the short

hand, you can try to finesse for the ♠K and run diamonds to pitch heart losers. Best play will be to let South win the first club and take the second. This keeps North off lead and prevents a possible heart switch which is disastrous. After winning the second club, you can ruff the third club and finesse for ♠K. The finesse fails but South is trapped. They either have to cash the ♥A and give you your ♥K for making 4♠ or play another suit allowing you to pitch your heart losers and making 5♠.

Post Mortem – On this deal North has a hand with no card higher than a nine, what we call in the bridge world a “Yarborough” after the British Earl of Yarborough who would offer a wager of 1,000 pounds to 1 on any deal against picking up such a hand. Actual odds: 1,827 to 1.

Bd 5	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5 ♠ x E	100		5.5	0.5
3 NT E	100		5.5	0.5
4 ♠ E		420	3.5	2.5
4 ♠ E		420	3.5	2.5
4 ♠ E		450	1.5	4.5
4 ♠ E		450	1.5	4.5
4 ♠ x E		690	0	6
2 NT E		120	2	0
3 ♠ E		170	1	1
3 NT x E		750	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/>