

## 4/6 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

No Game!

Learn Bridge in a Day was a BIG Success



4/9 NLM Tues Eve Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> OA: Gail Zimmer & Mark Mitchell (61.1%)

2<sup>nd</sup> OA: Lois Jones & Caroline Richards (57.9%)

CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	Apr 13	Mike Purcell	Overcalls

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

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## 2 Takes on 6♥ by Steve Moese

**Board 7** ♠ 109632  
South Deals ♥ 8  
Both Vul ♦ K975  
♣ AQ7

♠ A5 ♠ KJ  
♥ Q1094 ♥ AK752  
♦ 106 ♦ AQJ43  
♣ KJ1052 ♣ 6

EW 6♥; 5N;  
5♦; 4♣;  
E 1♠  
♠ Q874  
♥ J63  
♦ 82  
♣ 9843

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4N
Pass	5♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	6♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	6♠

1= 1 or 4 Key Cards 2= ♠ Q?  
3= Yes, and ♣K

Trump Q. West bids 6♣ on the way to 6♠ to show the Trump Q and the ♣K. South will likely venture a ♠

Let's take a look at two hands from Tuesday Evening April 9. Both show the power of distribution.

**Board 7:** The bidding starts with 3 passes and East happily opens 1♥. West will respond with a Limit Raise – either 3♥ or 2♦ if you play Drury Fit. East will continue 4♦ showing extras. West will cooperate with 4♠ a control bid showing the ♠A. 4N confirms 1 Key Card and 5♦ asks for the

lead, but a trump or ♣ is possible. With a fast loser in ♣s, the ♦ finesse must work to make 6. This hand is at worst on a finesse for slam. Marshall Miles said we should bid all slams requiring no worse than a finesse, and avoid slams where we need more than a finesse. This hand qualifies. Notice only 25% of the field bid this close slam. Losing Trick Count (LTC) suggests East should pursue a slam as long as opponents cannot cash two fast tricks. East has 4 losers – 1 in each suit. West has 7 losers (a limit raise promises 8 or fewer losers). East adds 8+4 to get 12 losers. Subtract that from 24 (the total number of losers between both hands), and you get 12 - the likely winner count as long as missing cards break evenly. LTC requires a good trump fit (8+ Cards). LTC is not a substitute for sound valuation – it is a useful guide to level.

Bd 7	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥ E	100		4.9	0.1
5♥ E		650	3.7	1.3
		680	1.9	3.1
4♥ E		680	1.9	3.1
6♥ E		1430	0.1	4.9
4♥ E		620	3	0
4♥ E		680	1.5	1.5
4♥ E		680	1.5	1.5
4♠ x N		800	0	3

**Board 25** ♠ 852

North Deals ♥ K2

E-W Vul ♦ 74

♣ 1098752

♠ AQ93

♥ 6

♦ J65

♣ AQJ43

♠ J  
♥ AQ109753  
♦ AK103  
♣ —

EW 7N; 7♥; ♠ K10764

6♦; 4♣; ♥ 84

E 4♠; ♦ Q982

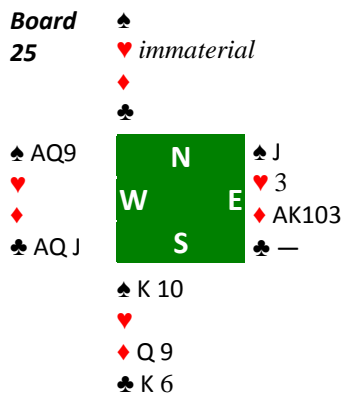
W 3♠ ♣ K6

North	East	South	West
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4N
Pass	5♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	6♥

1= GF Positive Artificial 2=2 Keys + ♥Q

hoping to pitch ♦ losers on the Aces. However if the finesse fails, there is no way to get to dummy! East's counter is elegant. On the trump lead simply lead out all the trumps!

**Board 25:** East is too powerful to open 4♥. 2♣ or 1♥ is better. Since game is possible with as little as the ♦ Q, we'd open 2♣. South has a difficult opening lead. Anything but a trump might give away a trick. The trump lead eliminates a possible loser in that suit! East could take a ♠ finesse



South will find the pressure unbearable when the ♥3 hits the table.

East simply cashes the top ♦s. If the ♦10 & 3 are good, s/he claims 7. If not, then East simply guesses which black King South unguarded and discards the other suit from dummy.

As the cards lie, South is squeezed in all 3 suits for the overtrick. No trumping other suits was necessary! This makes 6 or 7 NT the top scoring contract in pairs. The probability this hand will make slam is less than board 7. We need both the trump finesse and a squeeze or ♠ finesse. Marshall Miles would say stay away. That's hard to do when you hold East's hand.

If you don't get a trump lead, you have to face the ♠ finesse. The brave will finesse, the fearful will finesse ♥'s only and settle for 12 tricks.

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

Saturday April 6 we hosted 27 newcomers to the Cincinnati Bridge Center for the Spring Edition of **Learn Bridge in a Day**. The interest and participation was high, and the group enjoyed a well presented event. Thanks goes out to Potter Orr, and Phyllis Bishop along with all the other CBA volunteers who made the day smooth as silk.

Because of this event we did not hold a Newcomer's game nor have a newcomer seminar.

This coming Saturday April 13, Mike Purcell will present the seminar on Overcalls at 12:30 PM. Be sure to attend – We want your input on the next seminar series – you need to let us know what topics are most interesting to s owe cover what you want to learn.

The Newcomer game resumes 4/13 at 1:00 PM. Bring a friend or 3!

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/>