

4/13 Newcomer's Sat Aft Leaders

1st OA: **Beth Wales & Janet Rebman** (87.5%) **WOW!**

2nd OA: **Robert Roark & Gary Thompson** (59.38%)



4/16 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Martin Gibler & Stacy Vanstone** (66.7%)

2nd OA: **Lois Jones & Caroline Richards** (56.3%)

CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	Apr 20	Phyllis Bishop	Overcalls – 2-level

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Sat 0-40 1 PM (Seminar 12:30 PM) *partners provided*

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Tips from the Master by Steve Moese

Among the authors I hold in highest esteem is Mr. Eddie Kantar. His wisdom is easy to understand even for newcomers. He has refined the “Tips” way to impart judgment about Bridge. Go to his website for a great sampler. <http://www.kantarbridge.com/tips.htm>

I like his Take All your Chances (declarer play) and Take All Your Tricks books. The latter has hundreds of Tips by topic. Here’s a sample from: A Treasury of Bridge Tips – 540 Bidding Tips to Improve your Partner’s Game, (1992) Griffin Publishing California USA ISBN 1-882180-06-2. (This book was updated in 2013 to 554 Tips!)

What Eddie says about opening bids:

- 1) The best bid in Bridge is PASS.
- 2) Before opening with a distributional hand, prepare your various rebids. Assume partner will respond in your shortest suit... s/he always does.
- 3) With 2 5-card suits, open the bidding in the higher ranking suit regardless of the relative suit strength.

- 4) With 4-4 in the minors open the stronger suit. Remember, partner may be on lead. If suits are near equal strength open 1♦.
- 5) Open a short ♦ with ONLY 1 hand pattern: 4=4=3=2. In addition, the hand must be too strong or weak to open 1NT.
- 6) Do not open the bidding 1♣ holding a singleton or doubleton ♣ ... ever!
- 7) With 4=3=3=3/3=4=3=3 distribution, and a hand too weak or strong to open 1NT, open 1♣.
- 8) Open 1NT or 2NT with a small doubleton. if your nerves are shot, have stoppers in the other 3 suits.
- 9) With 4♣s and 4♠s and a hand strong enough to open 1NT but no stopper in either red suit, open 1♣.
- 10) With 4♦s and 4♠s a hand strong enough to open 1NT with no stopper in the other 2 suits opens 1♦. If partner rebids 1♥, rebid 1♠. If partner rebids 2♣, rebid 2♠.
- 11) With a balanced 15-16 HCP hand and 5♥s open 1NT. With 17 open 1♥. If you open 1♥ on 15-16 and partner responds 1♠ you have a tough rebid problem.
- 12) With a balanced hand 15-16 HCP and 5♠s, open 1♠ unless the ♠s are emaciated.
- 13) Even if you play 2NT shows 22-24 HCP, open 2NT with 21 plus a 5-card suit – any 5-card suit. (Playing 20-21, open 19 HCP hands this way).
- 14) With 3=1=4=5 or 1=3=4=5, open 1♦ if the ♦s are strong, the ♣s weak and you have less than 17 HCP.
- 15) With any 4333 hand, open with 13+ HCP, pass with 11 HCP or less. With 12 HCP open with good intermediates (8,9,10s) otherwise pass.
- 16) With 4432 open with 12 HCP, pass with less.
- 17) With any 4441, open 1♦ unless the singleton is ♦, then open 1♣.
- 18) With 4441 open 11 HCP with a RED singleton. 12+ HCP with a black singleton. Hands with red singletons are easier to rebid. Deduct 1 HCP for singleton J, Q, or K.
- 19) With any 5332 open with 12+ HCP; pass with less. With any 5422 open with 12+ HCP, pass with less. However if all 11 HCP are in the 2 long suits, open.

Thanks, Eddie!

Hi Everyone,

We had 2.5 tables plus 1 table of new players from Learn Bridge In A Day. This week’s leaders are:

- 1st: Beth Wales & Janet Rebman (87.50%) 0.30 MPs
- 2nd: Robert Roark & Gary Thompson (59.38%) 0.30 MPs

Full results for Saturday’s game can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/130413A.HTM>

This Saturday Pat Hoffman will be running the Newcomer game and Phyllis Bishop returns to present our seminar on Simple Overcalls: 2-Level. Please welcome Phyllis back to our game.

This week we look at a strong 2♣ opener that requires careful play to make game. Enjoy!

Bidding – North has a huge hand with 22 HCP and a 5 card heart suit. This hand is too big to open 1♥ and should be opened a strong 2♣ (artificial, 22+ HCP, 21+ unbalanced). South has 5 clubs but not the 8+ HCP to bid their suit right away. Instead South’s response is 2♦ (artificial, waiting) to

Board 6

East Deals ♠ A K 9
♥ A K 10 9 2
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A

West Deals ♠ Q J 5 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ J 9 3
♣ Q 6 3

North Deals ♠ 3 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

South Deals ♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ 6 5
♦ K 2
♣ K J 5 4 2

hear more about North’s hand. North will now bid 2♥. South has a tough rebid if you play the weakest 3 bid show a bust hand (0-4 HCP, no Ace or King). South cannot rebid 3♣ in this case and must instead bid 2NT. North may investigate for a diamond slam by bidding 3♦ or go straight to a 3NT game. If 3♦, South should correct to 3NT. Do not worry about spades, North has at least 21 HCP and some of them should be in spades.

Bd 6	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	460		5	0
4 ♥ N	450		4	1
3 NT N	400		3	2
3 NT S		50	2	3
6 NT N		100	1	4
6 NT S		150	0	5
3 ♥ N	170		1	0
1 ♥ N	140		0	1

Play of the Hand – In NT we begin by counting winners. Here we have 8 winners (2S, 2H, 2D, 2C) and our long suits are hearts and spades. In spades at best you can only expect 1 more trick. In hearts it is possible to win two more tricks. Because communication issues between hands makes finessing problematic, perhaps playing the hearts top down gives you the best chance to make the contract. This works when hearts are 3-3, or 4-2 with at least one missing honor (♥Q or ♥J) in the opponent’s doubleton. If opponents open lead a diamond make sure to take the first trick in North and then cash the ♣A. Otherwise you will have a hard time reaching dummy for the ♣K. This play gives you 10 tricks for +430.

Post Mortem – Finding the right place to play after a 2♣ opening can sometimes be tricky but with all those points, more often than not you will land on your feet. When playing a hand with communication issues, like the club suit in this case, make sure to plan your play at trick one to avoid issues later on.

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/>