



4/27 Newcomers - 1 Table No Results

4/30 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> NS: **Mark Mitchell & Gail Zimmer** (59.4%)

1<sup>st</sup> EW: **James Hunkler & Lewis Temples** (56.9%)



CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	May	Mike Purcell	1N Overcall (2N over Weak 2 Bids)

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

**New Fri NLM 11 AM** (Lecture 10:30) **Begins May 10**

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

**Need a Partner? For One Game: Call the DIRECTOR 2 days ahead!!! For long term partnerships contact:**

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### Area Tournaments

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May 21 – 27	Independence OH	R
Jun 4 – 9	Cincinnati, OH	R

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### Hold These DATES at the CBA:

**Friday May 10 – New NLM Game 11 AM Lecture 10:40**

**Sat/Sun May 18-19 – NLM Sectional SILVER POINTS**

### To Bid or Not to Bid... by Steve Moese

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 4  
♥ Q 9 8 6 5  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ A 7

♠ Q 8 6 3  
♥ 10 4  
♦ 9 8 3 2  
♣ K 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 2  
♥ A  
♦ A J 10 5 4  
♣ Q J 8

♠ 10 5  
♥ K J 7 3 2  
♦ K  
♣ 10 6 5 3 2

EW 4♠; 5♦; 2N; N 3♥; S 2♥

Here's a touchy hand from Tues May 30 Evening game. North is too weak to open (some would). East has an opening bid and West is too weak for a negative double (some would). North has a limit raise in ♥s. East can double the conventional cue bid to show a takeout of ♥s and a strong hand. South is too weak to bid opposite a game invitation. South's pass shows a weak overcall with no

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦ <sup>1</sup>	Dbl <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♠
4♥	4♠ <sup>3</sup>	???	

1= Limit Raise for ♥. (♥ Raise= weak)  
2= Takeout of ♥ - a strong hand  
3= Strong hand – raise to 4 opposite 0 HCP

game interest. West can easily manage a 2♠ bid and North offers partner a raise. The raise to 4♥ puts maximum pressure on EW. The **Law of Total Tricks** says we have 10 trumps (♥s) - bid a 10 trick contract. East can bid 4♠ but needs partner to have one or two cards. West promises 4♠ cards and 0 HCP. Bidding 4♠ is risky. South decides whether to sacrifice or not. South knows EW own the hand. NS have at least 10 ♥ cards. East has ♥ shortness (a singleton or void). South has too many losers for North to cover (2♠, 2♥, 1♦ and 3♣s). Losing Trick Count predicts 8 tricks for NS – that's down 3 in 5♥ – doubled means -500 – worse than letting EW make game. South will decide to pass and EW make 4♠.

North	East	South	West
1♥	Dbl	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4♠
???			

1= Takeout of ♥ - a strong hand

Now consider if North opens the bidding 1♥. North can sacrifice to 5♥ because the strong hand East will be on opening lead and cannot profitably attack ♥s. Indeed we see that 5♥ played from North goes down 2, while by South down 3. If NS bids 5♥ as a sacrifice, West must double – The 3 aces will likely cash, and EW must protect the equity they have in the game they were not allowed to play.

Notice the difference between the Open and 99er games. Aggressive bidding is the norm. A wise sacrifice scores well in Match Points. In the open game 4 of 7 pairs play in ♠s. In the 99er game, all played in a red suit EW contract. Only one pair managed par - EW +300. Well done to our 99er pair! (Par is the expected result if both sides do their best).

Bd 1	Scores	MPs		
Open	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ N	50	6	0	
5♥ N	100	5	1	
3♦ W	110	4	2	
3♠ E	170	2.5	3.5	
3♠ W	170	2.5	3.5	
4♠ W	420	0.5	5.5	
4♠ W	420	0.5	5.5	
99er Game				
2♥ N	140		3.5	0.5
2♥ S	140		3.5	0.5
2♦ E	150	1.5	2.5	
2♦ E	150	1.5	2.5	
5♥ x S	300	0	4	

This week we had one table and two brave souls who played up in the Open Game. Special thanks to Lorna Davis and Pat Hoffman for playing with them! This Saturday Phyllis Bishop will be running the Newcomer game and I will present our seminar on Simple Overcalls: 1NT, 2NT over a Weak 2. Let’s see if we can get back up to 3+ tables!

**New Non-Life Master Section Friday 11AM!** - Kay is starting a new section start May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to support this new game!!! Check the CBA website for details and partners.

**Regular Partners for Saturday** – If you would like to find a regular partner for the Saturday Newcomer game, let me know and I will try to match you up!

This week we look at a hand where hand evaluation can cause several paths to bidding game. If you have any questions on this hand or others, you are welcome to email me at [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com).

**Board 11**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 6 3 2  
 ♥ K Q 2  
 ♦ K 7 5 4  
 ♣ Q 8 4

♠ A Q 7 4  
 ♥ A 9 8 7 6 3  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ A 7 3

EW 5♠; 5♥;  
 3N; 5♣; 2♦

♠ K J 9  
 ♥ 10 4  
 ♦ Q 10 9 8  
 ♣ K J 6 5

♠ 10 8 5  
 ♥ J 5  
 ♦ A J 6 3 2  
 ♣ 10 9 2

**Bidding** – West (6 ♥s and 14 HCP) opens 1♥ (5+ ♥s, 12+ HCP). East (10 HCP) can either bid 1NT (6-9 HCP, perhaps a bad 10 HCP) or 2NT (10-12 HCP, balanced). If East bids 2NT West knows they have an 8 card ♥ fit and can go to 4♥ as their hand is worth 18 support points (14 HCP, 3 for the void and 1 more for 6 card suit). If East only bids 1NT, many West’s will assume a ♥ fit and rebid 3♥ to invite game and East with 10 HCP will accept. Even if West only rebids 2♥, East should invite game with a 3♥ bid. West now confident of a ♥ fit and a maximum goes to 4♥.

**Why does West know there is an 8-card fit on a 2NT response but not a 1NT**

**response?** – A 2NT response by East must be balanced. Otherwise with 10+ HCP East can afford to bid a new suit at the 2-level. 1NT by East does not have to be balanced. East could have 3 ♠s, 1 ♥ and 9 cards in the minors and bid 1NT because a new suit at the 2-level would show too many HCP.

**Play of the Hand** – Defenders may lead ♦4 (fourth best) or perhaps ♠6 (top of nothing). Regardless, West should count 3 losers (2H, 1C). If the ♣ finesse works, and it does, you can draw trump and make 11 tricks for +450.

**Post Mortem** – This hand presents an interesting exercise in hand evaluation. Should East respond 1NT or 2NT? If 1NT should West rebid 2♥ or 3♥? This time all roads led to the same place (4♥) but not always. The consequences of these choices is what makes bridge so interesting.

Bd 11	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♥ W	170	12	0	
2♥ W	200	10.5	1.5	
2♥ W	200	10.5	1.5	
3 NT E	430	9	3	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♠ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♥ W	450	4.5	7.5	
4♠ W	480	0	12	

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/>

# Cincinnati Non Life Master Sectional

May 18-19, 2013

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10:00 AM 0-500 Single Session Pairs\*  
0-20 Single Session Pairs

3:00 PM 0-500 Single Session Pairs\*  
0-20 Single Session Pairs

## Sunday, May 19

10:00 AM Two Session Swiss (team game)  
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\* Stratifications: 0-50, 50-200, 200-500 (NLM)



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