



5/25 NLM Sectional Leaders

1st OA: **Beth Wales and Kay Neal**

5/28 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisner** (63.7%)

2nd OA: **Peg Jervis & Pat Lindeman** (55.1%)



CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
Sat	Jun 1	Potter Orr	Michaels Cue 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) CBA

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

Area Tournaments

Jun 4 – 9 Cincinnati, OH R

June 21 – 23	Indianapolis, IN	S
June 21 – 23	Columbus OH	S
July 12 – 14	Toledo OH	S
July 27 – 28	Lexington KY	S NLM
July 26 – 28	Kettering OH	S

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

Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional June 4-9, 2013
Sharonville Convention Center

If you haven't already made plans to play in the **Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional**, get your partner and get to the Sharonville Convention Center. There are 99er and 299er events and **GOLD RUSH** events where you can win **GOLD POINTS** in a field limited to 750 masterpoints. There is no other regional this week anywhere in the nation. We need you! ...to make this the biggest and best **Flying Pig Regional** ever. The current ACBL CEO and past ACBL President will attend. On Friday we will celebrate the 2nd annual Youth/High School Championship game. Don't miss the fun!

Even a Blind Squirrel... by Steve Moese

You sit down against a strong pair and know you are in for a test. You deal and hold:

♠3 ♥A9875 ♦432 ♣10765

You pass. The auction ends in 2 rounds with an abrupt jump to 4♣ by your right hand opponent (RHO). You are now on lead. What do you lead from this hand?

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣

♠ 3
♥ A9875
♦ 432
♣ 10765

1st decide the suit, then decide what card.

South has a 15-17+ HCP hand and a 6+ Card ♦ suit with at worst 1 loser. North has values for game and a ♠ suit that plays safely opposite a void (7+ cards, 0-1 loser). South promises no ♠ cards.

For now they have the strength to bid game, but not a fit. We need to ATTACK immediately to get our tricks. That suggests leading an unbid suit. Partner did not overcall 1♥. Underleading an Ace is a poor strategy in a suit contract – you might give declarer a trick they cannot possibly win. Leading an Ace in an unbid suit is a gamble that often resolves problems for declarer (Imagine EW holds ♥Qxx opposite ♥Kx, an opening ♥ lead creates an extra ♥ trick for the them not us). ♥s are NOT where to start. We have no Honor to develop in ♣s, and the opponents are more likely to hold ♣ honors than partner (both bid strongly).

Leading a trump takes tricks out of the short trump hand. On this auction where the suit is owned by one hand, a trump lead is a poor choice. Dummy won't be ruffing.

We eliminated ♠s, ♥s, and ♣s, leaving ♦s. If we can isolate dummy so declarer cannot use the long ♦ suit effectively, we might win the race to 4 tricks before declarer scores 10. The right card to

Board 10 ♠ AKQJ106
East Deals ♥ 432
EW Vul ♦ Q109
♣ K

♠ 98742	♠ 3
♥ J6	♥ A9875
♦ ---	♦ 432
♣ AJ9842	♣ 10765

♠ 5
NS 5N; 1♥; 5♦ ♥ KQ10
N 3♠; S 4♣ ♦ AKJ8765
EW 4♣ ♣ Q3

lead from the ♦ suit depends on your methods. Lead the 2 if low from 3 small. Lead the 3 if Middle-Up-Down. Lead the 4 if top of nothing.

You strike gold – and another way to win. Partner ruffs the opening lead, cashes the ♣A (you discourage ♣s) and switches to a low ♥. You win the ♥A and play a 2nd ♦ for partner to ruff. Down 1 is worth all the matchpoints. Only 1 pair in 16 set 4♠! **...finds a Nut from Time to Time.**

This week we had a 2 table team game with Pat Hoffman and I filling in. Congratulations to the winners Beth Wales and Kay Neal!

This coming Saturday (6/1) Lorna Davis will be running the game and Potter Orr will be doing the seminar on Michael’s Cue Bid, a great convention for showing two 5 cards suits with one bid after the opponent’s open!

Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional June 4th - 9th – Our big tournament of the year is the first week of June. Check out the full schedule on our website. There will not be games at the bridge center that week so make your plans to play at the Regional!

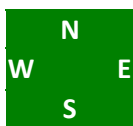
This week we look at a hand where making 6NT is not enough. If you have any questions on this hand or others, you are welcome to email me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com.

Bidding – West has 16 HCP unbalanced and opens 1♣ (12+ HCP, 3+ clubs). East has 17 HCP and immediately knows they must reach game at worst and slam at best. East starts with 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). West has a tough rebid with their singleton ♦K and many will conservatively rebid 2♣. East now knows there side can run 5 or 6 club tricks and that will be enough for many to look for slam landing most often in 6NT (more matchpoints than 6♣).

What if West Reverses in Hearts? – West could be optimistic and reverse by opening 1♣ and then rebidding 2♥. This normally shows 17+ HCP, 5+ clubs and 4+ hearts. Now East will have no trouble getting to 6NT.

Play of the Hand – In 6NT we have 11 winners (3S, 1H, 2D, 5C) needing only one more to make our contract. Best play to make one more trick is to finesse hearts playing the ♥J through to the ♥A. Even if we lose the finesse we promote our ♥Q and make the contract. In this case though the finesse works and actually gives us a chance to make 7NT. How? We run 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 5 clubs leaving four cards as follows:

♠ K 8 5
♥ 9
♦
♣



♠ A Q 6 4
♥
♦
♣

North has to protect against both hearts and spades but cannot. If they keep all four spades to protect spades, declarer can win the ♥9. If North keeps the ♥10 and three spades then declarer’s fourth spade is a winner. This is called a squeeze play.

Bd 12	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♠ E		480	6	0
3 NT E		520	5	1
6 ♣ W		940	4	2
6 NT E		990	3	3
6 NT E		1020	1.5	4.5
6 NT W		1020	1.5	4.5
6 ♠ x E		1210	0	6

Post Mortem – When partner opens and we have extra values for slam often we must take the initiative to get there. Sometimes getting to the right contract is not enough. On this deal 6NT making 6 is only an average result. To get the best result you must also find the squeeze play to make 7!

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ A Q 9 5
♦ K
♣ K J 8 7 6

EW 7N; 7♣;
6♠; 4♥; 3♦

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ 10 8 4 3 2
♦ Q 4 2
♣ 4



♠ 3 2
♥ K 7
♦ J 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 9 5 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/>

