

6/11 99er Tues Eve Leaders

1st OA: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla** (68%)

2nd OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster** (55%)



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

NEW Sat Supervised Play 10 AM to 12 Noon (0-99ers)

Area Tournaments

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>

NEW! Summer Supervised Play Saturdays 10 AM – 12 Noon

Put the fun into Bridge at the bridge center! Come and practice with your friends. Open to Newcomers and 99ers – and may member bringing a new player for the first time. Only \$1 per person. This is a great way to learn more about Bridge and sharpen your skills. The Newcomer Lecture and Game is suspended for the summer. If enough players show up for the 1 PM game, the directors may run a side game.

On Bidding by Steve Moese

Try this quiz. Assume Standard or 2/1 bidding. *(Opponent's bids in parentheses)*

1) You hold: ♠102 ♥43 ♦AKJ432 ♣J32

Auction: (Pass)-1♥ - (Pass) - ???.

2) You hold: ♠1032 ♥K3 ♦KQ432 ♣K32

Auction: 1♠ -(P) – 1N(Forcing)-(P)

2♠ - (P) - ???

3) You hold ♠10 ♥KQ103 ♦KQJ32 ♣K32

Auction: You open 1♦ -(P)-1♠ -(P) - ???

4) You hold ♠K10 ♥KQ1032 ♦AJ10 ♣Q32

Auction: You open 1♥ -(P)-1N(Forcing)-(P)-???

5) You hold ♠AK103 ♥KQ1032 ♦103 ♣102

Auction: You open 1♥ -(P)-1N(Forcing)-(P)-???

Answers:

1) You hold: ♠102 ♥43 ♦AKJ432 ♣J32

Auction: (Pass)-1♥ - (Pass) - ??? Bid 1N. Avoid the temptation to mention ♦s at the 2-level. That bid shows a stronger hand in either Standard or 2/1 GF.

2) You hold: ♠1032 ♥K3 ♦KQ432 ♣K32

Auction: 1♠ -(P) – 1N(Forcing)-(P)

2♠ - (P) - ???

Bid 4♠! Partner's 2♠ rebid shows 6 ♠ cards. You have a limit raise and the 9th ♠. Game is likely if not certain. Partner can set up your ♦s for game-going tricks.

3) You hold ♠10 ♥KQ103 ♦KQJ32 ♣K32

Auction: You open 1♦ -(P)-1♠ -(P) - ??? Bid 2♣. No, that's not a misprint. You have 14 HCP and a 5-card ♥ suit. Partner will rarely pass you in 2♣ and might raise ♥s now with 3 cards. If partner rebids 2♠ weak (6-9), you can pass – knowing partner has a 6-card suit. If partner rebids 3♠ (Invitational 10-11 HCP) you can bid 3NT secure that you have 24 HCP and a good shot at game.

4) You hold ♠K10 ♥KQ1032 ♦AJ10 ♣Q32

Auction: You open 1♥ - (P)-1N(Forcing)-(P)-?? Bid 2♣. Don't you wish you could show partner a 15 HCP balanced hand? You can! Open 1NT not 1♥! A 15-16 HCP hand is better described by 1NT than 1 of a Major when the shape is 5332. Avoid opening 1NT with a 5-card major when holding 5422 shapes. Your game might be in the 4-card suit. Back to this problem. After your 2♣ rebid, partner will rebid 2♥ - a false preference (usually 2 cards, 3 cards only on very weak hands). Now you can bid 2N to show 15-17 HCP, but you risk being one level too high if partner has 5-7 HCP. The 1N opening bid should sound better and better...

5) You hold ♠AK103 ♥KQ1032 ♦103 ♣102

Auction: You open 1♥ -(P)-1N(Forcing)-(P)-?? Bid 2♣. This hand drives many to the Flannery Convention unnecessarily. Go if you must. Better to realize 2♣ after a 1♥ opening bid might be on 2 cards. 2♦ here promises at least 3 cards.

Hi Everyone,

Big Changes coming to Saturdays this summer. Starting this Saturday (6/15) through Labor Day we are replacing the 1pm Newcomer Game with Informal Supervised Bridge Sat 10-12 at the CBC. There will NOT be a Newcomer Game at 1 PM during this time. New players up to 99ers and youth players are welcome to participate. People of like experience will play together as appropriate. Cost to play is \$1. We are hoping this new format will allow more opportunities to help everyone improve their game while keeping the play and fun at a maximum! Hope to see you there.

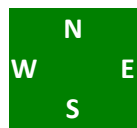
With no Newcomer game Saturdays I turn my attention to a Tuesday Night hand where four small hearts play big.

Board 18

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 3
♥ A Q J 10
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A Q 10

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ K 9 7
♦ 10 9 6 3
♣ 4 3



♠ 10 9 8
♥ 6 4
♦ K J 5 4
♣ K J 9 5

NS 6♥ 4N
5♣;
N 4♠ 3♦;
S 3♠ 2♦

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ A
♣ 8 7 6 2

Bidding – North has 18 HCP with a balanced hand and will open 1♦ (12-21 HCP, 3+ Diamonds). South has two 4-card majors but ♥s are headed to the 8 while spades are headed to the AQ. Given this which major should you bid in response? The correct answer is ♥s. It is more important to find the suits we have the most cards in than the suits we have HCP points in. This hand proves this out.

If South responds 1♥ - North immediately knows there is a ♥ fit and will rebid either 3♥ (Invitational) or 4♥ for game. If North only rebids 3♥, South with 11 support points, much more than the 8-9 point needed, will bid on to game.

If South responds 1♠ – North will rebid 2NT to show 18-19 HCP balanced hand (and not 4 ♠s) which will be raised to 3NT by South for game.

Play of the Hand 4♥ – In ♥s we count losers from the North Hand (Better Trump). We have 6 losers (1♥, 3♦, 2♣) but we can finesse the ♥K and clubs while ruffing ♦s. We can also pitch one loser on a winning spade. Assuming a diamond lead, cash ♦A get to the North hand with the ♠K and ruff a ♦, finesse the ♥K and then ruff another diamond. Declarer will then finesse ♥s again, draw the last trump, cash two spades and take a club finesse. East will win and exit the ♦K which is ruffed. Declarer will cash ♣A and lose the last ♣ for making 5 or +650.

Play of the Hand 3NT – In NT we count winners. Here we have 6 winners (3♠, 1♥, 1♦, 1♣). We can finesse hearts to get 3 more tricks and eventually East is end played to give us another ♦ for making 4 or +630.

Post Mortem – Do not pass up bidding a four card major just because there are only small cards in the suit. Finding your fit so you can ruff with those same small cards is critical to getting your best result.

For the Overly Curious: How to make 6♥ – While not the best general line play, on this hand you can make 6♥ on a squeeze play. Play as before but after drawing trump cash two spades in the South hand pitching the ♣10 and then ruff the fourth spade with your last trump in the North hand. This leaves North with AQ of clubs and ♦Q and East with ♦K and ♣KJ. North plays the ♦Q and East is end played for making 6♥!

Bd 18	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ N	650		2.5	0.5
4♥ N	650		2.5	0.5
3 NT N	630		1	2
4♥ N	620		0	3
4♥ N	650		4	0
3 NT N	630		3	1
4♥ S	620		2	2
3 NT N	600		1	3
2 NT N	120		0	4

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/>