

6/18 99er Tues Eve Leaders

- 1st OA: **Steve Simon & Garen Wisner** (65.1%)
 2nd OA: **Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein** (60.9%)
 3rd OA: **Andy Heldman & Mark Mitchell** (56.3%)



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On Bidding - II by Steve Moese

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

- 1) You hold: ♠KQ82 ♥43 ♦832 ♣J1092
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???
- 2) You hold: ♠KQ82 ♥J1092 ♦832 ♣43
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???
- 3) You hold ♠KQ82 ♥2 ♦AK72 ♣KQ32
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???
- 4) You hold ♠K98 ♥42 ♦K972 ♣10932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???
- 5) You hold ♠K98 ♥Q72 ♦1072 ♣K932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???
- 6) You hold ♠Q98 ♥72 ♦KJ1072 ♣932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ???

Answers:

- 1) You hold: ♠KQ82 ♥43 ♦832 ♣J1092
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? Bid 1♣. This is the only auction where you can bid a 4-card major freely. (2♣ is weak!)
- 2) You hold: ♠KQ82 ♥J1092 ♦832 ♣43
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? Double. You have two 4-card Majors. Make a negative double so partner knows. This is the only auction where a negative double guarantees both 4-card Majors. Don't bid 1♥. Partner will not expect you to hold 4♠s.
- 3) You hold ♠KQ82 ♥2 ♦AK72 ♣KQ32
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? Bid 1♣. Tell partner about your 4-card major. You can explain your strength next.
- 4) You hold ♠K98 ♥42 ♦K972 ♣10932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? Bid 1N or Pass. Pass is one option. Some prefer 1NT to show 8-10 HCP here. 1NT is another option. Do what you and partner agree.
- 5) You hold ♠K98 ♥Q72 ♦1072 ♣K932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? This is a problem hand-constructive values but no suit to offer and no stopper for NT. There are 3 options. 1NT is right on values but wrong on stoppers in ♦s, and might make you declarer in NT when it would be better for partner to declare (protecting a possible positional stopper in the suit). Pass is right on shape and stoppers and wrong on strength. Pass will usually indicate 6 or fewer HCP. 2♣ is right on strength but not shape – some prefer to promise 5-card support (even though 83% of the time partner will hold 4 or more ♣s). I'd rate 2♣ = 10; Pass = 9; 1N = 4. If you pass you might need to cue bid 2♦ on your next turn to show partner 8-10 HCP in a balanced hand with no ♦ stopper!
- 6) You hold ♠Q98 ♥72 ♦KJ1072 ♣932
 Auction: 1♣ - (1♦) - ??? Pass. Pass awaits partner's re-opening double (you are playing negative doubles. Partner reopens on any hand worth an opening bid holding 1 or 2 cards in Left Hand Opponent's suit). Mel Colchamiro says to convert a takeout double to a penalty, doubler has an opening hand and you follow the rule of 9. The Rule of 9: add # cards in their suit + # Honors in their suit + Level of the bid. If 9 or more pass for penalty. We have 5+3+1=9. **Pass (penalty)!** 1NT errs. Length in their suit is not tricks for our side.

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North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying
 See website for specific games. Must play in open game.
 Flight C is NLM <500 MPs.

Great seeing 4 tables last Saturday for our first Informal Supervised Bridge session 10-12. This Saturday Pat Hoffman and I will follow a similar format of playing boards and then breaking to discuss bidding/play. 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. No standby partners so folks may need to rotate in and out throughout the session.

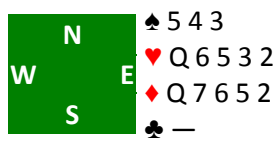
This week we look at a hand where opponents try to keep us from game and a bidding convention to help prevail against their interference.

Board 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K 9 7 4
♦ A K 9
♣ K J 7 5 2

♠ A Q J 10 6
♥ J
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 9 6 4 3



NS 4N 3♥;
S 6♣; N 5♣;
EW 2♦

♠ K 9 7 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ J 4
♣ A Q 10 8

Bidding – South deals and with 14 HCP will open 1♣ (12-21 HCP, 3+ clubs). West with 5 good spades will overcall 1♠ (8+ HCP, 5+ spades). North has 14 HCP and knows game is likely but where? North can start with a negative double over West’s 1♠ call to look for a heart fit. This double shows 6+ HCP and 4 hearts or 6-9 HCP and 5+ hearts in Standard American bidding. We know it is limited in the 5+ heart case because we can bid 2♥ directly with 10+ HCP. East with 4 HCP but 3 spades and a void (worth 3 more support points) will often raise to 2♠. In this bidding South with 14 HCP but without 4 hearts will pass and so will West with their minimum. What does North do now? North must not give up on game just because the opponents have made life difficult. North knows there is a club fit and should look for 3NT if partner can stop spades. How can they figure out if South has a spade stopper?

Many pairs have an agreement that in this auction a cue bid of the opponent’s suit at the 3-level, in this case 3♠, requests partner to bid 3NT with a stopper. This convention is called a Western Cue Bid. In this case using Western Cue will get South to declare 3NT. If North does not play Western Cue, with at least 16 support points for clubs (14 HCP plus 2 for the singleton) they will likely rebid 5♣ to play.

What if South did not have a spade stopper? - After a 3♠ Western Cue Bid by North, South will have to return to a safe suit relative to the bidding, in this case clubs by bidding 4♣. North will go on to 5♣.

Play of the Hand – Assuming the ♠Q lead South has 10 winners (1♠, 2♥, 2♦, 5♣). Most will cash these tricks and see if East will pitch too many hearts or diamonds or if West pitches the ♥J early to tip off the ♥Q finesse to allow for another overtrick.

Post Mortem – When we have game going values, do not let the opponent’s bidding dissuade you from going to game. In this deal North must push either to 3NT or 5♣. If they play Western Cue they can get to the best contract in 3NT.

Contract	Scores	MPs	
		N-S	E-W
Bd 11			
3 NT N	490	8	0
3 NT N	460	6.5	1.5
3 NT S	460	6.5	1.5
3 NT S	430	4	4
3 NT S	430	4	4
3 NT S	430	4	4
3 NT S	400	2	6
5 ♣ S	50	1	7
4 ♥ N	200	0	8
3 ♣ S	130	3.88	0.13
3 ♠ W	50	2.63	1.38
5 ♣ S	50	1.38	2.63
5 ♣ S	100	0.13	3.88

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/>