

8/13 - 99er Leaders

1st OA: **Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis** (70.8%) **WOW!**

2nd OA: **Steven Simon & Garen Wisner** (68.3%)

3rd OA: **Pam Campbell & Lisa Eisenstein** (63%)



CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon <2000 7 PM **Tues 99er 7 PM**

Wed Home Style 11:00 AM [Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY]

Thu Eve 7 PM (if attendance warrants)

Fri NLM 11 AM (Lecture 10:30) [1st Fri 99er 10AM NKY]

Sat 99er 10 AM to 12 Noon Supervised Play

Area Tournaments

Aug 9 – 11 Wheeling WV S

Aug 10 – 11 Louisville KY S NLM

Aug 12 – 18 Indianapolis IN S Unit 130

Aug 27 Sep 2 Pittsburgh, PA R

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

North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying

See website for specific games. Must play in open game.

Saturday Supervised Play 10 AM-12 Noon

...Georgia On My Mind by Steve Moese

What a week of bridge in Atlanta! The Youth World Tournament draws players from everywhere. A young Polish team of 4 surprises all experts. They win the Spingold Knock Out Team National Championship in overtime against the heavily favored Grue Team. The leaderboard from the two day NABC Swiss Teams reads like the Who's Who in bridge. All the greats in the game were there. Cincinnati's Higgins Team lost to the eventual 2nd place Sealey Team in the quarterfinals of the Grand National Teams. The Keim Team from Columbus/Dayton won the Flight B GNTs.

Imagine Bob Hamman comes up to you between rounds and asks: "Why can't the ACBL automate Swiss Team Scoring and so we don't have to deal with this scoring and table assignment mess!" It's easy to agree that the ACBL is behind the technology curve. The bigger question: "What am I doing talking to Bob Hamman?" But, that's the way our game is, and why I'm fascinated. In addition to top-flight competition and a nice venue are friends, some from home and some you see at tournaments. I ran into Pam Campbell and Lisa Eisenstein on Saturday and was so happy I did. What

they shared is more newsworthy than the Spingold Result, or talking to Bob Hamman.

Pam offered, "Lisa and I played 10 sessions and making points in 50% of our matches. Wednesday 8/7, we had a 60% game and placed 3rd in B and 4th in A earning .83 points. Thursday 8/8, we won the morning session (earning 2.1 points) and placed 3rd in B and 4th in A earning 0.97 points in the afternoon. Friday morning, we won in B and placed 2nd in A, earning 1.66 points. In the afternoon placed 3rd in B earnings .97 points."

"It was exciting to see the number of people that came out to the events and that it was a great experience for me. It gave me a chance to really focus on bridge with my partner too. We made some new agreements, which is always a great thing. We bid more slams that we have ever bid, and are less apprehensive now, which brings me to a hand that we shouldn't have bid."

"My hand was ♠KQJx ♥Q10x ♦xx ♣AQxx

Partner held ♠A10xx, ♥xx, ♦AKQJxx, ♣x

Opponents passed throughout. Partner 1♦ with my response of 1♠, partner came back with 3♠ and instead of cue bidding I because of worthless doubleton, I went to 4 NT. If I had cue bid 4♣, partner would have said 5♦ and then I would have responded 5♠. Partner would have passed knowing that we were missing the ♥A. That hand makes 5♠, but we bid 6 going down 1."

Lisa adds, "It was a fantastic experience playing bridge which did allow us to practice several conventions that we have recently started playing, like new minor forcing and Michael's cue bids/unusual 2NT. I think that we used the double card more in the last week than we did the entire month of July. Both of us did win t-shirts and my partner selected 3 t-shirts, while I opted for 2 t-shirts and a travel coffee mug! The weekend play, Saturday and Sunday, was far more challenging, as all 0-299 were playing together rather than separately as number of players slowly decreased from Friday through Sunday.

My favorite hand was one we played during our first session on Wednesday, August 7th in the afternoon.

...Georgia On My Mind (continued)

Pam and I were East (Lisa)/West (Pam). Our hands were:

East ♠K93 ♥KJ10 ♦A1096 ♣A87
 West ♠Q74 ♥Q654 ♦743 ♣J103

Contract was 4♦ by South which my partner wisely doubled for penalty going down 2 for 500 points!

It was a great experience and we had an absolute blast!”, said Lisa. Yes, Pam and Lisa – now we know why you are often on the leaderboard in the 99er Newsletter, too! (See above). We talked for a little bit about what might be behind their success. Both Pam and Lisa were quick to recognize the great teachers at the CBA Potter, Nancy, Kay, and Linda, and the high quality of the competition they play in every week at the CBA. Two wins, tournament t-shirts and a mug to prove it, and a great time – that’s quite a haul for a first NABC tournament. Congratulations Pam and Lisa! Well done, well done indeed.

Now, don’t you wish you spent a day or two in Atlanta last week? Don’t worry, there are more tournaments coming!

Newcomer News – Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007

This Saturday Lorna Davis and Bob Fisk will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. This week’s hand from last Friday shows us that getting to a NT game even when it can be set will often pay dividends.

Board 22 ♠ K 10 8
 East Deals ♥ 6
 E-W Vul ♦ A Q J 8 6 5
 ♣ K Q 2

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♦ K 9 4 2	♦ 7					
♣ J 5	♣ 9 7					

NS 6♣; 5♦;
 S 5N; N 2N;
 EW 1♠; 1♥

♠ A 4
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ A 10 8 6 4 3

Bidding – This hand is likely opened first in West 1♦ with their 13 HCP. North has 15 HCP, 6 diamonds and a very tough bid. I suggest passing for now and waiting to come back in the auction later with a ♦ bid. East will also pass. South with 10 HCP and a 6 card ♣ suit should bid 2♣. West will now pass and North with their 15 HCP and great ♣ support (worth at least 17 support points for ♣ with the ♥ singleton) should be thinking game or even slam if partner has both black aces. I recommend cue bidding opponents suit at 2♦ to show ♣ support and at least an invitational hand to game. South with a maximum

Bd 22	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♣ S	920		8	0
5 ♣ S	420		7	1
5 ♣ S	400		6	2
1 NT W	300		5	3
4 ♣ S	170		3.5	4.5
3 ♣ S	170		3.5	4.5
3 ♦ N	150		1	7
2 ♦ N	150		1	7
3 ♣ S	150		1	7
3 ♣ x S	570		8	0
3 NT N	520		5.5	2.5
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1 ♦ W	500		3	5
3 NT S	490		2	6
3 ♦ N	170		1	7
2 NT N	150		0	8
3 NT S	460		2.83	0.17
2 ♣ S	170		0.83	2.17
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hand for this sequence (remember South is a passed hand) cannot show a minimum 8-9 HCP hand competing in the pass out seat by returning to 3♣. That said, South is worried about a ♦ stopper for a NT game and therefore may cue bid 3♦. This bid is called a Western Cue Bid and asks partner to go to 3NT with a stopper. North clearly has ♦ stopped and will rebid 3NT.

Getting to 6♣ - This is tough. You need to find South with both black Aces and a way to get back to a NT contract if they do not for the best score. This is advanced bidding we will not cover here. Kudos though for at least thinking slam was possible holding the North hand.

Play of the Hand – 3NT by North can be set on a ♥ lead but in this case a ♠ or ♦ lead is more likely. Assuming a ♠ lead, North has 9 winners (2♠, 1♦, 6♣) and can develop 2 more if they finesse ♦ for +460. Many will run ♣, and if West pitches at least one ♦, will run ♦ too for +520. Either way you will score better than others in 5♣ + 6 for +420.

Post Mortem – Note even though many ended up in a 3NT contract that could be set, most made overtricks and scored better than being in a ♣ game. This is often the case and why we push so hard for NT when we have a minor suit fit.

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/>