

Unit 534 Chatter

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NO-TRUMP OVERCALLS AND TAKE-OUT DOUBLES

A. No-Trump Overcalls: High card points (HCP) and distribution

With my established partnerships, we play 15-18 HCP no-trump overcalls. This is one point more than an opening 1NT bid; however, experience has shown us that 18 HCP point hands frequently end up in 2NT (i.e. 1 spade – double – pass – 2 clubs – pass – 2NT) with a combined total of 18-20 HCP points and generally go down! Over preemptive two/three bids by opponents, 2NT/3NT overcalls should also be made with 15-18 HCP.

Distribution should generally be balanced (i.e. 4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2, 4-3-3-3). Suit requirements depend upon the opening bid by opponents. Over a minor suit opening bid, bid 1NT, regardless of the strength of the named suit. Just pretend that you were the opener. However, over a major suit opening bid, only bid 1NT with at least one stopper in the suit.

Over an opening preemptive two/three bid by opponents, it is nice to have two stoppers in the suit; however, this is often difficult, especially if the opponents play disciplined pre-emptive bids (two of the top three honors). Having the ace of the bid suit with at least two other cards is frequently the secret since you can afford to hold up two times. Note: All systems should be on after the no-trump overcall.

B. Take-Out Doubles:

Requirements for take-out doubles depend upon HCP and distribution:

An opening hand (generally 12 HCP or more) and at least three cards in the unbid suits [i.e. 4-4-4-1 (singleton club) over a 1 club opening bid].

HCP greater than agreed overcall range (i.e. if playing 8-16 HCP overcalls in suits, 17 HCP would be too many HCP to overcall a good six card suit). Instead, double and bid the suit at the next cheapest level.

No-trump distribution hands (i.e. 19-21 HCP and a balanced hand). After the double, bid the next cheapest level of no-trump after responder bids (i.e. 4 – double – pass – $1 \vee$ – pass – 1NT). The same distribution and suit requirements apply as a direct no-trump overcall.

Note: Doubles which do not meet the above requirements are considered to boff-shape doubles.

C. Conclusion:

No-trump overcalls and take-out doubles should always be disciplined to ensure that a proper contract is reached. Remember that the bid of PASS is often the most powerful bid, especially when distribution and/or HCPs do not meet the requirements for a bid or double.

This mini-lesson is presented by Scott Campbell to improve novice/intermediate/advanced bridge technique.

Membership Achievements

New Junior Master: Collum Renner New Club Master: Jim Amato

New Sectional Masters: Andre Vernon New Regional Masters: Sharron/Harold

Eshelman

New NABC Master: Philip Machamer New Life Master: Arden Boomgaarden New Bronze Life Masters None reported. New Silver Life Master: None reported. New Gold Life Master: None reported. The Unit Board of Directors approved using Average masterpoints to determine strat levels for our Sectionals, starting in 2011

The Unit Game Financial Report shown in last month's Chatter was the report for May, not April. The numbers were correct, the title wasn't

UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT

Sun City Civic Hall June, Regular Game Fee per person 6.00

RECEIPTS:

Total Tables in Play: 14

(# of tables x 4) Total # of Players: 56
Minus of Free Plays: 5
Net No. of players paid: 51
Total Regular Receipts: 306.00

Other Receipts 0.00

Total Receipts: 306.00

EXPENSES:

NET INCOME/(LOSS) 105.49

July Birthdays

2	Roberta	Parker	
5	Donna	Guillaume	
6	Berna	Lord	
11	Gerri	Fettig	
12	Norma	Rocco	
17	Margy	Jiran	
17	Mary	Terell	
21	Judith	McManus	
23	Audrey	Klumpenaar	
25	Richard	Joos	
27	Charlene	O'Neil	
28	Ronnie	Armstrong	
30	Bill	Williams	
31	Carol	Wood	

Non LifeMasters (under 500 MP's):

Go get your Silver points at the NLM Sectional in Sun City- Webb Hall.

Unit 534 Masterpoint Race							
2nd Qtr 2010 STANDINGS (July1, 2010)							
ACE OF CLUBS	# of Masterpoints	MINI-MCKENNEY					
Points won at Clubs only	at Start of year	Points won at tournaments & clubs					
Cyrus Rezayat 11.67	<u>0-5</u>	Cyrus Rezayat 11.67					
Collum Renner 7.25		Collum Renner 7.25					
Pat Cruz 3.61		Pat Cruz 3.61					
Marguerite Price 12.14	5-20	Marguerite Price 12.14					
James Amato 5.93		James Amato 7.61					
Sally Burrage 5.10		Sally Burrage 5.10					
Ron Williams 18.31	20-50	Ron Williams 35.86					
Andre Vernon 15.88		Andre Vernon 17.84					
Brandone Fisher 2.00		Dianne Smith 3.97					
Donald Sokol 11.67	50-100	Sharron Eshelman 20.85					
Sharron Eshelman 7.60		Harold Eshelman 20.05					
Harold Eshelman 6.80		Donald Sokol 13.03					
Philip Machamer 53.15	100-200	Rami Mina 85.55					
Rami Mina 50.85		Philip Machamer 76.88					
Shirley Rubidoux 33.49		Shirley Rubidoux 33.49					
Cecil Leach 59.86	200-300	Mo Anvari 93.84					
Janet Gleason 41.86		Cecil Leach 84.84					
Mo Anvari 31.57		Janet Gleason 59.24					
Donna Seyfried 56.88	300-500	Donna Seyfried 73.61					
Sally Carell 36.10		Peggy Cowherd 39.86					
Peggy Cowherd 32.47		Sally Carell 37.27					
Joyce Cellilli 87.93	500-1000	Joyce Cellilli 120.87					
Pat Hawkins 64.18		Ali Selim 81.15					
Jean Wooden 55.18		Pat Hawkins 69.72					
Jim Eves 115.99	1000-2500	Debra Cameron 141.60					
Suzanne Raymond 69.38		Jim Eves 128.18					
Marlene Koerner 59.71		Suzanne Raymond 75.92					
Jim Wooden 133.81	2500-5000	Jim Wooden 162.60					
Cle Nelson 113.89		Cle Nelson 148.94					
Bill Williams 111.15		Bill Williams 143.54					
-	Congratulations						

Daily club results on our web site: www.acbldistrict22.com/534

Club Masterpoint Leaders for June

Mon/Wed Sun City DBC: 3.42 Cathy Garvin, Doug Murphey; 3.40 Evelyn/Jack Guilliatt; 3.13 Helen Telford; 2.82 Irene Hoffman; 2.61 Elaine/John Putman; 2.31 Bea Corley; 2.23 Marguarite Price; 2.22 Pat Reinhardt; 2.18 Ben Brock; 2.04 Peggy McCray; 1.99 Colleen Renner; 1.91 Kay/Don Bolin; 1.73 Anita Kingsbury, Faye Miller; 1.61 Shirley Gero.

Monday Hemet: 3.80 Mary Terell/Peggy Bailey; 2.21 Carl Hoeberling; 1.89 Itsuko Barton; 1.69 Mary Ellen Petersen; 1.66 Karen Brandt; 1.62 Duane/Karen McComb; 1.46 Robert Nye; 1.41 Grace Ford/Robert Wiley; 1.33 Donna Guillaume; 1.29 Blair Bowen; 1.26 Barbara Revels; 1.20 Marion Weingarten/Margo Olson; 1.15 Rosemary/Bill Dimitt; 1.07 Pauline Gilbert; 0.85 Donna Janicek; 0.70 Richard/Marie Lawrence; 0.68 Harold/Sharron Eshelman; 0.56 Judith McManus; 0.32 Joann Thoresen.

<u>Tuesday Murrieta:</u> 5.52 Marlene Koerner; 5.34 Cleland Nelson; 4.21 Douglass Murphey/Carolyn Waska; 4.01 Troy Brown; 3.86 Fred Kunkle; 3.23 Donna Seyfried; 3.16 James Wooden; 2.94 David Mielke; 2.91 Joyce Cellilli; 2.74 W. Faye Miller; 2.70 Terri Combs/Joel Dreyer; 2.59 Margy Jiran/Lloyd Scott; 2.46 Ruth Kile; 2.31 Beverly Hughes; 2.12 Fran White; 1.99 Dennis/Arden Boomgaarden; 1.80 Peggy Mc Cray/Joel Rehagen; 1.65 Anne Maxfield; 1.52 Marguerite Jungles; 1.29 Annabelle Salisbury.

Wednesday Temecula: 11.05 Virginia Hoppe; 8.45 Bill Williams; 8.42 Joseph Eves/Cleland Nelson; 7.43 James Wooden; 6.95 Lucille Lockwood; 6.76 Marlene Koerner; 6.49 Felicia Hogan; 6.28 Joyce Cellilli; 4.70 Jean Wooden; 4.55 Beverly Hale; 4.36 Vincient Tomasulo; 4.34 Suzanne Raymond; 4.09 Rami Mina; 3.50 Fran White; 3.36 Carol Wood; 3.23 Annabelle Salisbury; 3.15 Donna Seyfried; 3.10 Ruth Brandt; 2.79 Charles Hurd; 2.67 Harry/Charlene O'Neil; 2.60 Josephine Harring.

Thursday Hemet: 2.63 Karen/Duane McComb; 2.47 Carl Hoeberling/Morgan Roberts; 2.28 Sharon Eshelman; 2.26 Marie/Richard Lawrence; 2.17 Peggy Bailey; 2.06 Harold Eshelman; 1.70 Cyrus Rezayat/Fred Fairbanks; 1.65 Marion/Mort Weingarten; 1.53 Mary Ellen Petersen/Margo Olson; 1.40 Karen Brandt; 1.12 Richard Allerton/Kymber Hoover; 0.90 William Wellman; 0.87 Cleland Nelson; 0.84 Donna Janicek; 0.73 Grace Ford; 0.63 Barbara Revels; 0.62 Pauline Gilbert/Joann Thoresen; 0.55 Bob Lortie; 0.45 Nancy Ford; 0.40 Joyce Cellilli; 0.34 Robert Wiley; 0.32 Robert Judson/Mary Terell/Dorothy Pearson/Robert Nye; 0.22 Judith McManus.

<u>Thursday Temecula</u> 5.99 Terri Combs/Joel Dreyer; 4.73 Marlene Koerner; 4.57 Joseph Eves; 4.30 James Wooden; 3.85 Donna Seyfried; 3.56 Jamie Santistevan; 3.03 Ruth Brandt; 3.00 Bill Williams; 2.87 Jean Wooden; 2.83 Nancy/Roger Overholt; 2.82 Anne Maxfield; 2.73 Edwin Oldham; 2.44 Mary Palmquist/Sherril Maag; 2.43 Sally Carell; 2.25 David Mielke/ Fred Kunkle; 1.82 Carol Wood; 1.73 Sue Soderer/Donna Barton; 1.69 Muriel Green/Anita Kingsbury; 1.57 Carl Krantz.

Friday Sun City: 3.33 Dale Klinzing; 3.00 James Wooden; 2.78 Joyce Cellilli; 2.60 Kenneth Chia; 2.42 Anita Kingsbury; 2.41 Sarah Rambo; 2.27 Bill/W. Faye Miller; 2.17 Suzanne Raymond/Beverly Hughes; 2.06 Douglass Murphey/Cathy Garvin; 1.66 Larry Rambo/Virginia Devoe; 1.53 Ben Brock; 1.53 Barbara Baisden; 1.47 Joel Rehagen; 1.27 Shirley/Del Gero; 0.95 Ruth Kile; 0.79 Cleland Nelson/William Wellman/Peggy Bailey; 0.77 Bill Williams/Carol Wood.

Saturday Temecula: 9.48 Fran White; 6.67 Marilyn Rumsey; 6.27 Bill Williams; 5.83 Bernard Figueiredo; 4.17 Lee Hart; 4.14 Cleland Nelson; 4.10 Rick Kerbel; 3.96 Chuck Savage; 3.83 Joyce Cellilli; 3.80 Lloyd Scott/ Margy Jiran; 3.77 James Wooden; 3.72 Rami Mina; 3.63 Charlene/Harry O'Neil; 3.38 Charles Fox; 3.33 Gary Carman/Dale Klinzing; 3.08 Janice Pond; 3.05 Isaac Perez/Anne Burdick; 2.86 Peggy Cowherd; 2.58 Josephine Harring; 2.50 Frances/Bob Jackson; 2.45 Joseph Eves.

<u>Canyon Lake Sunday:</u> 3.90 Shirley Gero; 3.38 Joyce Cellilli; 2.33 Jim Eves, Cle Nelson; 2.17 Del Gero, Jim Griffin, Bill Papa; 1.75 Jim Wooden; 1.73 Faye Miller; 1.63 Sharron/ Dennis Eshelman, Jean Wooden; 1.30 Kay/Monty Fisher; .87 Lois Bevins, Marguerite Jungles.

UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - June 13, 2010

3.40 Joyce Cellilli/Carol Wood; 2.55 Fran White/Marilyn Rumsey; 1.91 James Wooden/Troy Brown; 1.57 Janet Gleason/Rami Mina; 1.57 Reginald Fujimoto/Sue Soderer; 1.43 Joseph Eves/Cleland Nelson; 1.19 Mary Terell/Edwin Oldham; 1.01 Philip Machamer/Cecil Leach; 0.80 Debra Cameron/Douglass Murphey; 0.57 Evelyn Guilliatt/Jack Guilliatt; 0.45 Annabelle Salisbury/Sally Carell; 0.42 Fred Kunkle/Carl Hoeberling; 0.28 William Wellman/Peggy Bailey.

Stellar Games

75 % Level A 2500 + MP: None Reported.

70 % Level Ax 750-2500 MP: 72.00 %-Evelyn/Jack Guilliatt, 71.59 %-Marlene Koener.

65 % Level B: 300-749: 68.24 % Dave Mielke/Fred Kunkle 67.86 % Ben Brock/Barbara Baisden, 67.50 %-Del/Shirley Gero.

60 % Level C: 100-299: None Reported.

55 % Level D: 0-99: 61.81 %-Harold/Sharron Eshelman, 59.95 %Colleen Renner.

Ask The Director For a Free Unit Game Play (if you are a paid up member of Unit 534).

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			July 2010	
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
4	Sun		4th of July Holiday	
4	Sun	CLOSED	No Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
5	Mon	12:30	OPEN FOR REGULAR GAME	Civic Hall-Sun City
5	Mon	CLOSED	No Game	Simpson Center-Hemet
11	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
11	Sun	CLOSED	Cancelled	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
13	Tues	1:00	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
15	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
16	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
17	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
18	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
19	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
21	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
			August 2010	
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Sun	6:00	Club Championship	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
2	Mon	12:30	Club Membership Game	Simpson Center-Hemet
5	Thur	12:15	Club Membership Game	Simpson Center-Hemet
8	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Sierra Dawn- Hemet
8	Sun		Cancelled	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
10	Tues	1:00	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
11	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
12	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
13	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
14	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Sun	6:00	Charity Pairs	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
Aug 1	16-22	STAC Pairs-Western Conf. Check w/director		
17	Tue	1:00	STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Murrieta Sr. Center
18	Wed	12:00	STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
18	Wed	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
19	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
20	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
21	Sat	11:30	STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
27	Fri		NLM Sectional	Civic Hall-Sun City
28	Sat		NLM Sectional	Civic Hall-Sun City
29	Sun		NLM Sectional	Civic Hall-Sun City
29	Sun	CLOSED in deference to NLM Sectional		Canyon Lake POA Bldg
			Sept. 2010	
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
6	Mon		LABOR DAY	
6	Mon	12:30	OPEN FOR REGULAR GAME	Civic Hall-Sun City
6	Mon	CLOSED		Simpson Center-Hemet

NLM Sectional Aug. 27-28-29, 2010 Webb Hall Sun City Fall Sectional Nov. 19-20-21, 2010 Webb Hall Sun City Summer Sectional May 20-21-22, 2011 Comm. Rec. Center Temecula

July 11, Temecula

UNIT GAMES

Aug. 8, Sierra Dawn-Hemet