

OPENER'S REBIDS

Session One – After opening one club

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Let's start with **one club opening bids** and no interference by opponents. In each case today, *partner responds one diamond*. How does opener describe her hand with her next bid (rebid)?

First of all, as you know, opener CANNOT pass, because anytime responder bids a new suit, that's forcing. Responder's bid represents how many points and how many diamonds? _____

Opener now attempts to tell partner:

- the strength of her hand, and
- the shape of her hand.

For example, opener rebids one heart. How many hearts does opener possess? _____ Does opener have a balanced, no-trump shaped hand? _____ More info on this later.

If opener has this hand (spades first, then hearts, diamonds and clubs): A Q 9 2 Q 10 3 8 A 10 7 4 2
Opener should follow responder's one diamond response with _____.

Or, with this hand: 2 A J 7 4 9 4 A K 9 6 5 3 opener should bid _____.

OK, opener bids one club, partner bids one diamond, and opener bids one no trump. Here are a couple of examples of opener's hand:

K Q 3 2 Q J 5 3 J 7 A 9 6

A 10 7 K J 9 8 Q 5 3 A 6 2

Opener should rebid one no trump with any balanced hand, rather than bid one of a major, even if opener has four cards in one or both majors. Now partner knows opener has a no-trump shaped hand, but less than 15 points.

What if opener's hand looks like this? Q 10 Q J 9 6 5 A K 5 4 3 2 Opener's rebid to partner's 1D? _____

How about opener's hand is: Q 7 5 A 9 4 Q 8 K Q 10 8 6 Opener's rebid? _____

Or this? K 3 Q 5 Q J 10 7 K Q 10 8 6 Opener's rebid? _____

Or this? A K 8 7 Q J K J 10 A J 7 4 Opener's rebid? _____ How many points does opener need to have to show this hand strength? _____ We call this rebid a "jumpshift," which is forcing to game.

There are other possible opener rebids, but let's play some hands.