

## OPENER'S REBIDS

Session Two – After opening one club

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OK, more on **one club opening bids** and no interference by opponents. In each case today, *partner responds one heart*. How does opener describe her hand with her next bid (rebid)?

You already know that opener CANNOT pass, because anytime responder bids a new suit, that's forcing. Responder's bid represents how many points and how many hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

As in the case of a one club opening bid followed by a one diamond response, opener now tells partner:

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

For example, opener follows partner's one heart bid with a one spade rebid. How many spades does opener possess? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the "shape" of opener's hand? \_\_\_\_\_

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 heart 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 heart, and opener bids one no trump. Here's an example of opener's hand:

Q J 10 10 7 6 A K Q J 7 6 2

Opener should rebid one no trump with any balanced hand, a point range of 12-14, and usually no four-card major. But then, with this four-card major in spades, opener might choose to bid one no trump as well:

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

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 1H? \_\_\_\_\_

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 9 6 5 Q J 10 K Q 10 8 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.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF **A REVERSE**. Opener bids one club, partner bids one heart, and opener bids 2 diamonds. After a one-level response (1H) by partner to opener's opening bid (1C), when opener bids a suit at the two-level that outranks the suit she bid initially, that is a reverse, and it indicates a much stronger bid than any of the preceding bids. It shows **16-17 points** and is *forcing for one round* (not to game).

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