

## OPENER'S REBIDS

Session Three – 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 spade*. 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 spades? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

For example, opener follows partner's one spade bid with 1NT. How many spades does opener possess? \_\_\_\_\_ How many points? \_\_\_\_\_ 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 spade response with \_\_\_\_\_.

Or, with this hand (15 pts, counting distribution): 2 A J 7 4 9 4 A K 9 6 5 3 opener should bid \_\_\_\_\_.

OK, opener bids one club, partner bids one spade, and opener bids one no trump. Here are two examples of opener's hand:

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

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

Opener should rebid one no trump with any balanced hand, 12-14 HCPs, and fewer than four-card support for partner's major. What if partner's hands are as follows?

1) J 8 5 2 10 8 6 A K 9 K Q 3 \_\_\_\_\_

2) Q 10 Q J 9 6 5 A K 5 4 3 2 \_\_\_\_\_

3) Q 7 5 A 9 4 Q 8 K Q 10 8 6 \_\_\_\_\_

4) K 3 Q 5 Q J 10 7 K Q 10 8 6 \_\_\_\_\_

5) A K 8 7 K 6 K J 10 A J 7 4 \_\_\_\_\_ How many points does opener need to have to show this hand strength? \_\_\_\_\_

One last example. Opener bids one club, partner bids one spade, and opener bids 2 diamonds. Opener's rebid is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_, showing \_\_\_\_\_ points; is it forcing to game? \_\_\_\_\_

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