

OPENER'S REBIDS

Session Five – 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 no trump*. How does opener describe her hand with her next bid (rebid)?

In previous lessons, you learned that opener CANNOT pass partner's response in a suit, because anytime responder bids a new suit, that's forcing. Can opener pass a one no trump response to her one club opening bid? _____ Why or why not? _____

What does opener know about partner's hand after partner's one no trump response? Approximately how many high card points? ___ to ___ How many four-card suits? _____

As in previous rebid lessons, opener now tells partner:

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

Let's assume opener chooses to pass. What does that tell partner?

- How many points? _____
- How many clubs? _____

What if opener has this hand (spades first, then hearts, diamonds and clubs): K 10 K 3 2 K 8 K J 9 7 5 3
Her rebid? _____

Or, with this hand (15 pts, counting distribution): 2 A J 7 4 9 4 A K 9 6 5 3 opener should bid _____.
Why not bid 2H instead? _____

What if opener has this hand? K 9 2 J A J 8 7 A Q 9 5 4 2 Opener should follow responder's one NT response with _____.

If opener has this hand... K J 5 A J 6 A Q 8 K 5 4 3 Opener should bid two NT. Why?

Let's play some hands.

Ref: Larry Cohen, Dec 2018 Bridge Bulletin