

OPENER'S REBIDS

Session Eight – After opening one diamond

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Opener bids one diamond, LHO passes, and partner bids one heart. After opener's RHO passes, how should opener respond?

Well, what if opener has opened "light," e.g. 11 pts and only a couple of hearts? PASS! Correct? _____
Hmmm. Remember that when partner of opener responds in a new suit that opener may not pass?
Please select the correct answer from the following: Yes ____

Let's say that this is opener's hand (spades first, then hearts, then diamonds, then clubs):

A J 8 7 3 2 K J 10 6 K 9 4

Opener cannot now bid one spade. Why not? _____

Opener cannot bid two hearts. Why not? _____

Opener can't bid 2 clubs. Why not? _____

Opener can't bid 2 diamonds. Why not? _____

Well, then, opener should just pass, correct? _____ (Hmmm, didn't we cover this earlier? Yes ____)

So, what might opener bid? _____ This bid works for any 12-14 HCP hand with balanced distribution and no four-card major. If opener has a 4+ card spade suit, then opener should mention her spades, and not bid 1 NT. *What if opener has a four-card heart suit?* Should she support partner's hearts? _____ If so, at what level? _____ What would opener's point range if she responds 2H? _____. How many points would opener need to jump to 3H? _____

Let's go back to those spades in the previous paragraph. Let's say opener has four spades and 12-17 points. Might she bid two spades? _____ What if she has four spades and 18-19 points? Is that enough for a "jump shift" to three spades? _____

If opener bids 2NT after partner bids one heart, what does that tell partner? Pick one of the following choices (the correct one please):

- Opener has 18-19 points and a "balanced" hand. Opener has fewer than four hearts. Partner may pass opener's 2NT bid.
- Opener has at least 15 points, at least four hearts, and is forcing you to bid game (but no need to rush – take it slowly so you don't miss your correct game or slam).
- This is the unusual 2NT convention, showing you 5+ diamonds and 5+ clubs, thus no heart support and zero interest in a spade or a NT contract. DO NOT PASS.

If opener responds four hearts, she has lots of points (e.g. _____); opener feels your team has at least a game bid.

Ready for some practice hands? Yes ____