

Sunday 14th July 2024

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Here is the bidding from some of the hands on Sunday.

BOARD 1

On some hands I expect everyone to be in the same contract. This is the type of hand where I would expect quite a few different results.

Let's look at some of the bidding that I would expect. Here is some bidding that follows all the rules in the NZ Beginners lessons.

BOARD 1A

The screenshot shows a RealBridge board for Board 1A. The interface is divided into four quadrants representing the players' hands and the bidding log.

- North (N):** christine liebergreen. Hand: ♠ J9, ♥ K103, ♦ 54, ♣ KJ6432.
- South (S):** Stephen Andrew O'Connell. Hand: ♠ AK1075, ♥ QJ74, ♦ J97, ♣ 10.
- West (W):** Rebecca Bibby. Hand: ♠ Q64, ♥ 862, ♦ AK8632, ♣ A.
- East (E):** wardill mark. Hand: ♠ 832, ♥ A95, ♦ Q10, ♣ Q9875.

Bidding Log:

	W	N	E	S
		P	P	P
1♦	P		1NT	P
2♦	P		P	P

Score Display: 0, 0

From the lessons, when West opens 1♦ they could have anywhere between 12 and 19 points so it is important that East makes a bid. They do not have enough points to bid 2♣ so they need to make the RESPONDERS bid of LAST RESORT – 1NT.

NOTE

- 1) Opener's bid of 1NT is the first bid to consider when you have 12 to 14 points.
- 2) Responder's bid of 1NT is the LAST bid to consider when you have 6 to 9 points.

The bid of 1NT should show Clubs. Why?

East could not support Diamonds, or bid Hearts or Spades... so they must have Clubs.
2♦ making 2♦ - scores 90.

BOARD 1B

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♠ J9

♥ K103

♦ 54

♣ KJ6432

N Sue Ranger

Bd 1, Dlr N

1NT+2 E

E Alison Thompson

W Kevin O'Meara

S Alison Thompson

♠ Q64

♥ 862

♦ AK8632

♣ A

♠ 832

♥ A95

♦ Q10

♣ Q9875

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♠ AK1075

♥ QJ74

♦ J97

♣ 10

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1♦	P	1NT	P
P	P		

S Suzanne Jansen

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You would not open 1NT with the West hand, but when East bids 1NT showing Clubs, 1NT may be a reasonable place to play. This worked out well when Alison made 3NT scoring 150.

BOARD 1C

The **RULE of 20** - This is a rule you might use to open with less than 12 points.

Board 1, Dlr N
2♦ = W

W Helen Banks

N Carol Groves

Terry Ellis E

Linda Blain S

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♠
2♦	P	P	P

The lessons say you need 12 points to open, but Linda opened 1♠ with 11 points. Why?
Enter the **RULE of 20**.

Add the length of your two longest suits to the points you have and if the total comes to 20 it is OK to open. This will usually work well but **NOT** always.

5 Spades + 4 Hearts + 11 points = 20... just enough to open. It is best that the points are in the long suits which they are on this hand.

So sometimes you might open with less than 12 points.

Sometimes you might open 1 of a suit with 20 or even 21 points. Why? Please ask your teacher.

BOARD 3

Board 3, Dir S
3NT+2 N

W Jo Murphy

♠ 10432
♥ J
♦ KQJ6
♣ A953

♠ 85
♥ 10742
♦ A53
♣ Q872

♠ KQ97
♥ 93
♦ 10842
♣ K64

♠ AJ6
♥ AKQ865
♦ 97
♣ J10

W N E S
P 1♠ P 1♥
P 3NT P 3♥
P P

karen Schaab S

Will Murphy E

Nicola Scholes

South open their longest suit, 1♥.

North should bid 1♠ which shows 4+ Spades and 6 to 20+ points.

South should NOT bid 2♥ as this shows a minimum hand with 12 to 14 or maybe 15 points.

They should bid 3♥ to show a 6+ card suit and (15) 16, 17 points.

What should North do? They know they have at least 26 points between the two hands so they should bid game. 3NT looks right now as there may only be a 7 card Heart fit.

However 4♥ is a very reasonable option as well.

Board 3, Dir S
4♥ = S

W Vernon Lamb

♠ 10432
♥ J
♦ KQJ6
♣ A953

♠ 85
♥ 10742
♦ A53
♣ Q872

♠ KQ97
♥ 93
♦ 10842
♣ K64

♠ AJ6
♥ AKQ865
♦ 97
♣ J10

W N E S
P 1♠ P 1♥
P 4♥ P 3♥
P P

Wendy Sole S

Robyn Goulding E

Jan Miller

BOARD 4 The RULE of 20 again

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Bd 4, Dlr W
2♠ = E

W Ginny Hope

N Leanne Field

Neil Pharazyn E

♠ 963
 ♥ K954
 ♦ Q75
 ♣ KQ6

♠ A875
 ♥ QJ1086
 ♦ A2
 ♣ 84

♠ KQ42
 ♥ 732
 ♦ K6
 ♣ J1075

♠ J10
 ♥ A
 ♦ J109843
 ♣ A932

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	1♠	P
2♠	P	P	P

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Penny Jayne S

West has 5 good Hearts + 4 Spades + 11 points =20... just enough to open. The ten of Hearts is also a useful card.

East has a suit to bid at the 1 level so should NOT bid 1NT.

West has a minimum hand (12 to 14 points) so just bids 2♠.

BOARD 6

North (N) Jan Miller:
 ♠ AJ2
 ♥ J742
 ♦ AKQ
 ♣ K74

West (W) Vernon Lamb:
 ♠ Q107
 ♥ AQ10
 ♦ J4
 ♣ J10953

East (E) Robyn Goulding:
 ♠ K9653
 ♥ 983
 ♦ 1087
 ♣ 82

South (S) Wendy Sole:
 ♠ 84
 ♥ K65
 ♦ 96532
 ♣ AQ6

Bidding History:

W	N	E	S
		P	P
P	1♥	P	1NT
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Contract: Bd 6, Dir E, 3NT+2 S

Score: 0-0

North is FAR too strong to open 1NT so opens their longest suit.

When South bids 1NT showing 6 to 9 points, North according to the lessons, should raise to 3NT with 18 to 19 points. For those that work out the combined points you may end up in game with only 24 points, but that does not mean that it will not make 3NT. It just means it will be harder to make 3NT. If you bid only 2NT showing 16 to 17 points your partner will certainly not bid 3NT with 7 points or maybe not, even with 8 points.

Are you wondering why the 2NT rebid does not show 15 to 17 points? It is because the 1NT response shows a maximum of 9 points. If you have 15 points and the most your partner has, is 9 points there is not enough to make game. Even worse, if you your partner has 6 points and you have 15, they may be struggling to make 1NT, let alone 2NT.

However NOT all 18 points are the same. The North hand is a very poor 18 points. Why? The extremely balanced 4,3,3,3 shape is not so good, and the fact that there are no Tens, Nines and Eights makes it worse.

So I would expect to also see this auction:

W	N	E	S
		P	P
P	1♥	P	1NT
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

South should make 5 Diamonds, 3 Clubs and the Ace of Spades to make at least 3NT, and maybe 1 or 2 overtricks.

BOARD 7 – Did you as South remember to open 1NT?

Board 7, Dir S
3♥ = W

W Kevin O'Meara

Sue Ranger N

Alison Thompson E

Suzanne Jansen S

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	2♠	X	P
3♥	P	P	P

Should North bid with only 5 points? Yes. South is very unlikely to make 1NT. The bid of 2♠ shows ZERO to 10 points and 5+ Spades. Should North bid 2 Diamonds or 2 Spades? If 2♠ make it scores 110; if 2♦ makes it scores 90. Why not try for the better score!

As it happens, with the 1NT opener having 4 Diamonds and only 2 Spades, Diamonds would play a lot better.

East's Double is Take out. Short in Spades and at least 3 cards in all the other suits. Please bid something partner.

West bids their longest suit.

Duncan the Bad