

Sunday 21st July 2024

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Today we will look at:-

Responses to 1NT Boards 1 & 6

When you know you have a Minor fit, look to see if you have a Major fit as well.

Boards 2 & 4

RULE of 20 Board 4

The BARRIER Boards 11 & 12

BOARD 1

Board 1, Dlr N
2♥+1 N

W Barbara Souster

N David Grant

Robyn E

Robyn Blackburn S

♠ Q5
♥ AJ653
♦ Q954
♣ 96

♠ A1074
♥ Q7
♦ KJ7
♣ 8742

♠ 863
♥ K92
♦ 1082
♣ A1053

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1NT
P	2♥	P	P
P			

0
0

♠ KJ92
♥ 1084
♦ A63
♣ KQJ

Did you remember to open 1NT with the South hand?

The 2♥ bid shows 5+ Hearts and ZERO to 10 points. It says do NOT bid again partner.

BOARD 2 – TWO Things

When you have a Minor fit, still look for a Major fit.

When you have an 8 card Major fit (Spades or Hearts) you will normally need 25 points to make game.
When you have a 9 card Major fit, you can often make game with only 23 points.

NOT THIS TIME THOUGH.

Full marks for this bidding.

The image shows a digital bridge board interface. At the top left, there are icons for a close button (x), a pass button (p/s), and a bid button (6). The board is divided into four quadrants representing the players' hands and the bidding area.

North (N): Emma Allwood. Hand: ♠ Q87643, ♥ 54, ♦ 7, ♣ A832. Points: 54.

West (W): Pauline Thomson. Hand: ♠ J5, ♥ KQJ63, ♦ 10862, ♣ J7.

East (E): Natalie Keenan. Hand: ♠ AK, ♥ A1097, ♦ AJ53, ♣ 654.

South (S): Lauren Sleeman. Hand: ♠ 1092, ♥ 82, ♦ KQ94, ♣ KQ109.

Bidding Area: A yellow box contains the text "Bd 2, Dlr E" and "4♥-1 W". Below it, a score display shows two red squares next to the number 0. Navigation buttons (left arrow, right arrow, refresh) are located below the score display.

Score Table: A table in the bottom right corner shows the bidding sequence:

W	N	E	S
		1♦	P
1♥	P	3♥	P
4♥	P	P	P

Natalie had a balanced hand, too strong to open 1NT so opened the lowest of 4 card suits.

Pauline knew they had a minor fit but looked to see if they had a Heart fit.

Natalie had a bit too much to bid just 2♥. This would have shown a minimum hand of 12 to 14 / 15 points.

Pauline had a 5 card Heart suit and more than a minimum 6 or 7 points, so bid game.

On this occasion it did not make but don't be put off, because it was well bid. Most other times it will make.

BOARD 4 - Two options

Option 1

♠ A1098
♥ —
♦ 107653
♣ AK82

W Jill Stevens
N Jane MacCulloch
E Patricia Robinson
S Michelle Green

♠ J754
♥ KJ32
♦ J82
♣ 53

♠ KQ63
♥ AQ
♦ AQ9
♣ J1074

♠ 2
♥ 10987654
♦ K4
♣ Q96

Bd 4, Dlr W
4♠ = N

0 0

	W	N	E	S
P	P	P	P	1♣
P		1♠	P	3♠
P		4♠	P	P
P				

This follows some of the same themes as BOARD 2

- 1) When you have a minor fit, (in Clubs here) still look for a major fit.
- 2) When you have better than a minimum hand, remember to jump a level to let your partner know that you have more than minimum points.

Option 2 – Two important points

Those who have read my previous reports, may have read about the rule of 20. Sometimes you can open with less than 12 points if you want to.

♠ A1098
♥ —
♦ 107653
♣ AK82

Add the length of your two longest suits to your points. If it comes to 20 you can open. It works best when the points are in the long suits.

5 Diamonds + 4 Spades + 11 points = 20. Just enough to open.

So what do we open?. Our longest suit. Yes the Clubs are better, but length before strength. Open 1♦.

Our partner opens 1♦, what do we bid with this hand?

Answer 1♠.

When partner opens a suit and we bid a **NEW** suit, partner must bid again (Unless we have already passed and shown less than an opening hand). The 1♠ shows 4+ Spades and 6 to 20+ points.

♠ KQ63
♥ AQ
♦ AQ9
♣ J1074

The complete auction. Well done Vernon and Wendy.

<p>dos ✍</p> <p>Bd 4, Dlr W 4♠+1 S</p> <p>W Linda Blain</p>	<p>♠ A1098 ♥ — ♦ 107653 ♣ AK82</p>	<p>N Vernon Lamb</p>																
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BOARD 6

What do you open this hand ?

Answer: 1 No Trump

Partner opens 1No Trump. What do you **NOT** bid with this hand?

You do NOT bid 2♦.

2♦ shows ZERO to 10 points with 5+ Diamonds.

♠ KQ
♥ K86
♦ 10954
♣ A653

♠ 10743
♥ A7
♦ AQJ762
♣ K

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following elements:





- Board Information:** Bd 6, Dlr E, 3NT = E.
- Hand 1 (Top Left):** ♠ 98652, ♥ Q9542, ♦ —, ♣ QJ10. Player: Lisa Pritchard (North).
- Hand 2 (Top Right):** ♠ KQ, ♥ K86, ♦ 10954, ♣ A653. Player: Adele Naim (East).
- Hand 3 (Bottom Left):** ♠ 10743, ♥ A7, ♦ AQJ762, ♣ K. Player: Annette Hill (South).
- Hand 4 (Bottom Right):** ♠ AJ, ♥ J103, ♦ K83, ♣ 98742. Player: Ken Wickenden (West).
- Bidding Table:**

W	N	E	S
		1NT	P
3NT	P	P	P
- Score:** 0-0.

The simple option is to bid 3NT with this hand

Board 6 Continued




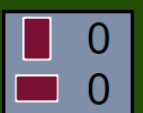
If you play Stayman, you can add an extra step to see if you have a Spade fit.

  	♠ 98652 ♥ Q9542 ♦ — ♣ QJ10	N dave skinner Murray Wackrow E																
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W Marilyn Walker																		
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		1NT	P															
2♣	P	2♦	P															
3NT	P	P	P															
Jo Murphy S																		

2♣ says “Do you have a 4 card major partner?”

2♦ responses says “No I don’t”.

BOARD 7

  	♠ AJ4 ♥ KQ54 ♦ QJ742 ♣ 8	N Guy Campbell Annabel Taylor E																				
Bd 7, Dlr S 4♠+1 S																						
W Lesley Rogers																						
♠ 1085 ♥ J10 ♦ 865 ♣ QJ952		♠ Q3 ♥ A976 ♦ 93 ♣ K10763																				
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Lynette Tillman S																						

South opened their longest suit.


North bid 2♦. This showed 4+ Diamonds and 10+ Points. Now South can describe their hand.

2♠ showed a minimum hand with 12 to 14 (or maybe) 15 points and 5+ Spades.

Now Guy knew they had 25+ points and 8+ Spades, so bid game.

BOARD 9

Yes, the bidding can go like this -

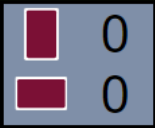
Bd 9, Dlr N Passed out	♠ K9843 ♥ KJ6 ♦ 9763 ♣ A	N Jane MacCulloch Patricia Robinson E
	W Jill Stevens ♠ A106 ♥ 32 ♦ Q102 ♣ QJ1063	♠ Q52 ♥ A104 ♦ KJ8 ♣ 8752
	♠ J7 ♥ Q9875 ♦ A54 ♣ K94	W N E S P P P P P
Michelle Green S		

The North hand is **NOT** a good example of the RULE of 20.

5 Spades and 4 Diamonds +11 points = 20.

The bad thing about this North hand is that there are only 3 points in North's long suits (The King of Spades).

BOARD 10 - Did you remember to open 1NT?

Bd 10, Dlr E 1NT+2 S	♠ K10 ♥ Q43 ♦ 10932 ♣ KJ82	N Bronwyn Coster Sally Atwell E
	W Christine Scott ♠ AJ762 ♥ A7 ♦ J75 ♣ 963	♠ 98 ♥ 109652 ♦ AK64 ♣ Q5
	♠ Q543 ♥ KJ8 ♦ Q8 ♣ A1074	W N E S P P P 1NT P
Sarah MacCormick S		

BOARD 11 - The Barrier. Going past the Barrier shows a strong unbalanced hand. A difficult concept.

When partner bids PAST the BARRIER, you must bid again.

Board 11, Dlr S
4♥+3 S

W Ray Hall

N mark wardill

Leanne Field E

Vivienne Cannell S

Hand 1 (North): ♠ 105, ♥ A97, ♦ A3, ♣ AK10865

Hand 2 (West): ♠ Q96, ♥ J4, ♦ Q1087652, ♣ Q

Hand 3 (East): ♠ 8743, ♥ 1062, ♦ KJ9, ♣ 932

Hand 4 (South): ♠ AKJ2, ♥ KQ853, ♦ 4, ♣ J74

Bidding Log:

	W	N	E	S
				1♥
P		2♣	P	2♥
P		4♥	P	P
P				P

If South bids 2♠, that goes PAST the BARRIER.

When South opens 1♥, the BARRIER is 2♥.

A rebid of 2♠ goes PAST the BARRIER.

When you are supporting partners suit that does not count as going PAST THE BARRIER

So if South held this hand.

♠ J8
♥ KQ1075
♦ K8
♣ QJ43

When partner bids 2♣, a rebid of 3♣ does NOT go past the BARRIER as that is supporting partner. That will show 5+Hearts and 4+ Clubs and a minimum hand.

BOARD 12 - A very tricky subject.

Do we always bid our longest suit first? No.

When we have a weak hand with a six card Minor and a five Card Major, it may be better to bid the Major first, otherwise we will not be able to tell partner we have an all important 5 Card Major.

What about this hand? We are first to bid. We are not Vulnerable and the opponents are Vulnerable.

Does the Vulnerability make a difference? Yes it might.

If the opponents bid and make 4♠ that will give them a score of 620.

If they can make 4♠ and we bid 5♣ we will show a profit, even if they double us, if we can make 8 or more tricks.

5♣ Doubled, Not Vulnerable – 3 off, is 500 to the opposition.

Some will say that this hand is only 14 points, but I will say it is much stronger than a normal 14 points as there are only 4 likely losers if we play in Clubs. 1 Spade, 1 Diamond and 2 Clubs.

If I open 1♣, I may have to go past the BARRIER twice to show my hand. The question you have to ask is....am I prepared to do that? YES I am. I am sure there will be some that will disagree.

♠	2
♥	AKQ76
♦	10
♣	AJ10976

D	12		
		N North	W N E S
		♠ J75	1♣ P 1♠ 2♦
		♥ 1032	2♥ P 3♣ P
		♦ KJ976	3♥ P 4♥ P
		♣ 32	P P
W West			E East
♠ 2			♠ Q10943
♥ AKQ76			♥ J95
♦ 10			♦ 32
♣ AJ10976			♣ K84
		S South	
		♠ AK86	
		♥ 84	
		♦ AQ854	
		♣ Q5	
			4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0

When West goes PAST the BARRIER with 2♥, East must bid again. With this bidding, West must have at least 5 Clubs and 4 Hearts, so East can bid 3♣ knowing they have a Club fit. West bids 3♥ to show 6 Clubs and 5 Hearts. Why? With 5 Hearts and 5 Clubs, you open the higher of 2 Five card suits.

4 Hearts, Not Vulnerable making 4, scores 420

4 Hearts, Not Vulnerable making 5, scores 450

Play it here <https://tinyurl.com/26nc5fng>