

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Link <https://oceania.realbridge.online/du.html?p=240818223104&q=SupportedPlay18Aug>.

New Learning on Board 9? Double of 1NT.

**BOARD 1** was one of those hands where the bidding could have taken a lot of different lines.

If the bidding came around to me in fourth position would I open this hand?

Answer: Yes I would.

It follows two rules. One I have mentioned previously.

A) The Rule of 20. Add the length of your two longest suits to the amount of points you have. If the total comes to 20 you can open. It is not compulsory.

6 Spades + 4 Hearts + 10 points = 20.

B) The Rule of 15 (Pearson points). If deciding whether to bid in 4<sup>th</sup> seat or not, add the amount of points to your Spades. If it comes to 15, you should open.

6 Spades + 10 points = 16.

A hand diagram on a light green background showing the following cards:  
♠ A97432  
♥ Q1062  
♦ —  
♣ A43

**BOARD 2**

A screenshot of a bridge hand interface. The board is Board 2, Deal Right (Dlr E). The contract is 3♠ = W. The declarer is Jo Craig (W) and the dummy is Jo Shanks (E). The hand is shown in four quadrants:  
Top-left (Declarer's hand): ♠ 76, ♥ Q104, ♦ AKQ93, ♣ Q63.  
Top-right (Dummy's hand): ♠ K984, ♥ K53, ♦ 76, ♣ 10754.  
Bottom-left (Partner's hand): ♠ Q5, ♥ J96, ♦ 10852, ♣ AJ82.  
Bottom-right (Bidding table):

W	N	E	S
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♠	P	P	P

The bidding is self-explanatory here. Two things to note. An overcall of 1NT by North shows (15)16 to 18 points. North should be cautious overcalling with a balanced hand when Vulnerable and when partner has already passed. The quality of the Diamonds here is the redeeming factor.

### BOARD 3

A 1NT opener by South would show a balanced 12 to 14 points.

With a balanced hand with 15 to 17 points open a suit and then rebid NT at the lowest level.

With a balanced hand with 18 to 19 points open a suit and then rebid NT one level higher than needed.

If however partner responds 1NT showing 6 to 9 points it is **NOT** right to bid 2NT with 15 points.

Even if partner has a maximum of 9 you will have trouble making game with only 24 points.

Bd 3, Dlr S 3NT= S	♠ KQ9 ♥ K2 ♦ 643 ♣ Q10963	N Claire Gordon																				
W JoleneZink - Helper		Megan Jones E																				
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South, with two 4 card suits, open the lowest, and rebids No Trumps at the lowest level to show a balanced 15 to 17 points.

BOARD 4 - Did you remember to open 1NT with the West hand?

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If you opened 1♣ you probably played in 1♣. There is an alternative to North's bid of 2♣. See board 9.

## BOARD 7

When East Doubles in this situation it shows at least 4 cards in the unbid suits (Hearts and Diamonds).

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Fortunately West does not have to bid when South bids 2♦. What should West bid if South passes for some reason?

Answer: 2♣ That is one of partners suits and hopefully they will have 5 of them. Not this time though. Do not bid 2♠. That is the opponents suit.

# BOARD 8

If you don't play Stayman, you can bid 2♣ to show 5+ Clubs and ZERO to 10 points.

Board 8, Dlr W  
2♣+1 E

W Lisa Pritchard

Leanne Field S

N Penny Jayne

Steve Ricem E

♠ 532  
♥ A962  
♦ J75  
♣ J62

♠ KJ106  
♥ K875  
♦ K106  
♣ A7

♠ 984  
♥ 4  
♦ AQ92  
♣ Q10843

♠ AQ7  
♥ QJ103  
♦ 843  
♣ K95

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	2♣	P
P	P		

If you play Stayman you have no options with the East hand. You have to PASS.

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	P	P



## BOARD 12

What do you bid with this hand?

You could use the RULE of 20 and open 1♦. When you use this rule it is best if the points are in your long suits. When 6 of the 11 points are not in your long suits I would recommend looking at passing.

♠ AQ3  
♥ A873  
♦ J10754  
♣ 5

D 12	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQ3 ♥ A873 ♦ J10754 ♣ 5	P	P	P	1♦
W West		P	1♥	P	1NT
♠ J975 ♥ 654 ♦ Q9 ♣ QJ98		P	3NT	P	P
		P			
	S South	E East			
	♠ K42 ♥ K102 ♦ AK83 ♣ A72	♠ 1086 ♥ QJ9 ♦ 62 ♣ K10643			
		3NT S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

When South opens 1♦, it is important that North still looks for a major fit. It is always easier to make game in a major rather than a minor, and it scores more. North could bid a safe 5♦ here, but playing match point pairs at the Club, most will play in the slightly more risky 3NT.

What if North opens 1♦?

What do you do with this hand?

Your partner has opened 1♦ and you have 17 points. Maybe we can make Slam?

How can we find out?

A common error is to ask for Aces. This will tell you if you have all the Aces but it will not tell you if you are going to make a Slam. I have played in 1NT with 4 Aces and gone 2 off.

♠ K42  
♥ K102  
♦ AK83  
♣ A72

So what do you do?

Well done to Youth player Leo Hammond from Christchurch for finding the best bid. See next page.

BOARD 12 continued

× DEB 6 ♠ AQ3 N Alex Shan  
Bd 12, Dlr W ♥ A873  
5♦ +2 N ♦ J10754  
W Rosalind West ♣ 5 Esther Haines E

♠ J975 ♠ 1086  
♥ 654 ♥ QJ9  
♦ Q9 ♦ 62  
♣ QJ98 ♣ K10643

0 ♠ K42 W N E S  
0 ♥ K102 P 1♦ P 2♣  
< > ↺ ♦ AK83 P 2♦ P 5♦  
Leo Hammond S ♣ A72 P P P

Leo made up a bid of 2♣. There is almost no way this bid can go wrong. If partner supports you in Clubs you can easily go back to Diamonds.

Why bid 2♣? To see what partner rebids.

When partner rebids 2♦ you know they have an unbalanced hand with 11 to 14 (15) points.

6♦ is just possible, but far from a certainty so South choose the safe 5♦.

Yes you can make 6♦ on this hand as it happens.

Duncan the Bad