

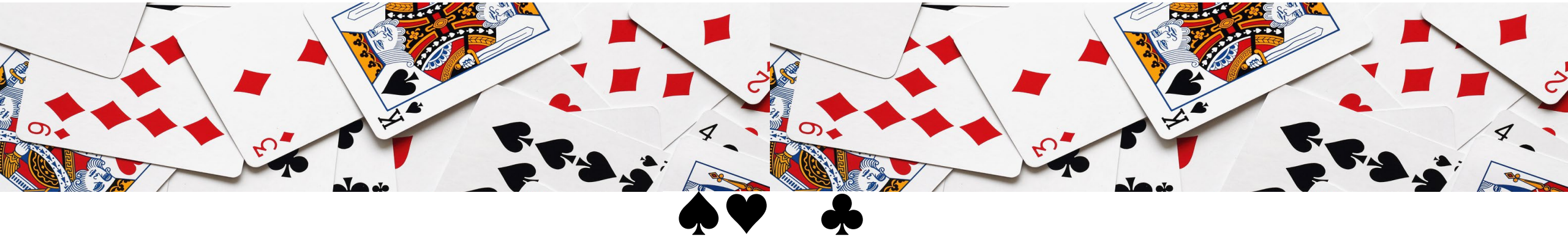
# Those Pesky Rebids

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# Introduction

Many of our novice/intermediate players (helped by their teachers) are trying to learn more and more conventions.

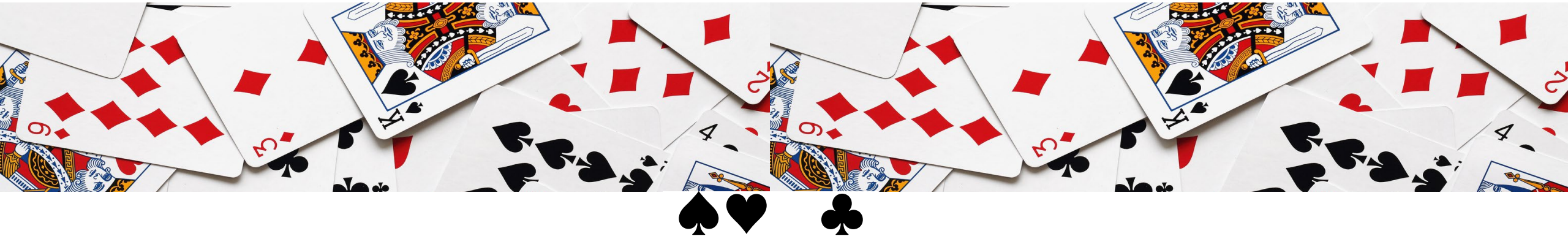
Our mentors in the novice/mentor games say they half way know a convention but may not recognize when they could use it and may or may not recognize it when partner bids it!



# Introduction

Today we will dial it back a bit.

The focus of this lecture is  
rebids by the opening bidder.



# Openers Rebid (After 1-level Responses)

**Opener does two important things with his rebid  
(his second bid of the auction)**

- 1) Shows his shape (balanced with a no trump rebid)
- 2) Narrows the range of strength from approximately 12-20 to something more definite.



# 1) Shape

With a balanced hand (5-3-3-2, 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, opener rebids 1NT or 2NT

With a 6+ card suit, he repeats it. With a 4+ card second suit (or support), he bids it.



## 2) Strength

Minimum rebids  
(12-14/15 pts) Opener does not jump or reverse

Medium rebids  
(15/16 to 17/18 pts) Opener jump rebids, jump raises or reverses

Maximum rebids  
(19-20 pts) Jump shifts are game forcing)



# Notrump Rebids

A 1NT rebid is 12-14 balanced  
(does not promise all suits stopped)

A 2NT rebid is 18-19 balanced  
(does not promise all suits stopped)

A 3NT rebid is a trick-taking hand  
(long running suit, strong stoppers)



# Notrump Rebids

After

1♣ - 1♥

♠ Q32  
♥ AJ3  
♦ K72  
♣ A542

After

1♣ - 1♥

♠ K82  
♥ A2  
♦ 1087  
♣ AJ432





# Notrump Rebids

After

**1♥ - 1♠**

♠ 976  
♥ AQ542  
♦ AQ6  
♣ AQ

After

**1♦ - 1♠**

♠ A2  
♥ KQ2  
♦ AKJ62  
♣ J96

After

**1♣ - 1♠**

♠ J  
♥ K65  
♦ A2  
♣ AKQ98965



# Choice between Notrump or 4 card major

After 1♣ - 1♦, assume responder has no 4 card major  
Rebid 1N with a balanced hand even when holding a 4 card major

♠ QJ82  
♥ AJ3  
♦ K72  
♣ Q52

♠ KJ82  
♥ AJ72  
♦ 107  
♣ K32



# Choice between Notrump or 4 card major

After  $1\clubsuit - 1\heartsuit$  or  $1\diamondsuit - 1\heartsuit$ ; opener bids spades at the 1 level but rebids 2N with balanced 18-19 points

♠ J986  
♥ 2  
♦ AQ6  
♣ AQ875

♠ J986  
♥ 87  
♦ AQJ6  
♣ AQ5

♠ QJ54  
♥ KJ2  
♦ AKJ7  
♣ KJ



# Raising Responder's suit

Opener raises with 4-card support.

The more support points he has, the higher he bids.



# Raising Responder's suit

After

1♣ - 1♠

♠ KJ82  
♥ AK3  
♦ 872  
♣ Q52

After

1♣ - 1♠

♠ KJ82  
♥ AJ72  
♦ 7  
♣ K732



# Raising Responder's suit

After

1♦ - 1♠

♠ J986  
♥ AQ87  
♦ AQ6  
♣ AJ

After

1♣ - 1♠

♠ KQJ8  
♥ A2  
♦ A8  
♣ KQ876

After

1♦ - 1♠

♠ AK65  
♥ KJ52  
♦ AKJ2  
♣ 8



## **Strong rebids (including jump-shifts and reverses)**

Opener's jump-shift is game forcing (19-21)

Opener's reverse is a 1-round force



# Strong rebids

**After**

**1♠ - 1NT**

♠ KQJ32  
♥ AQJ7  
♦ A2  
♣ 74

**After**

**1♥ - 1♠**

♠ Q7  
♥ AKQ107  
♦ AKJ87  
♣ 3

**After**

**1♦ - 1♠**

♠ 6  
♥ AQJ8  
♦ K876  
♣ K875





# Strong rebids

**After**

**1♣ - 1♥**

♠ K2  
♥ 2  
♦ AQJ2  
♣ AQJ653

**After**

**1♥ - 1NT**

♠ KJ87  
♥ AKQ87  
♦ 4  
♣ AJ2

**After**

**1♣ - 1♠**

♠ KQ32  
♥ 3  
♦ AKJ  
♣ AJ932



## Two-suited hands (not jump-shifts or reverses)

The most difficult rebid for opener is a new suit, without jumping or reversing.

The range is extremely wide (about 12-18).

Bidding a second suit shows at least a 5-4 shape.



## Two-suited hands (6 – 4 distribution)

What about 6-card suits?

With 6 or more, rebid the suit,  
but if you also have a 4+card suit,  
you have a decision to make.



## Two-suited hands (6 – 4 distribution)

The general rule is that with good hands, bid the 4 card suit and then rebid the 6 card suit, otherwise rebid the 6 card suit.

Also relevant is suit quality; there is no 100% correct approach.



## Two-suited hands (6-4)

**After**

**1♠ - 1NT**

♠ QJ9832  
♥ 3  
♦ AKQ2  
♣ K3

**After**

**1♠ - 1NT**

♠ KQJ1097  
♥ A7  
♦ Q1087  
♣ 3

**After**

**1♥ - 1♠**

♠ 8  
♥ AKQJ87  
♦ K876  
♣ K5



# Summary

This presentation focused on Opener's rebid after a one level response.

The opener has given very little information after a one level opener; somewhere between 12-21 points; possibly balanced or very unbalanced.



# Summary

This second bid by opener helps to refine the **SHAPE** as well as the **STRENGTH** of the opener's hand.

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♥ THANK YOU ♥

