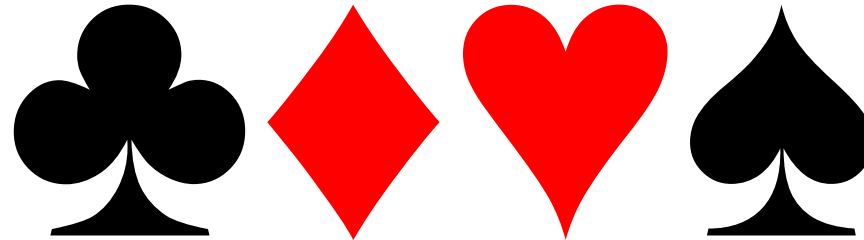




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Week 12 – Opener's rebid



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With bidding, we have looked at Opener bidding at the 1 level and at Responder's reply to that bid. In due course we will look at Opener bidding at a higher level, but this week we consider Opener's rebid.

The new material comes from

Paul Mendelson – Right Way to Play Bridge (RWPB) – Chapter 5.

Recall that when the original opening bid is made Opener has already planned his first rebid, even though that plan may change as a result of other bids round the table.



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### Opener's Opening bid

Look at your cards and check the distribution. Is it balanced (4333, 4432, 5332), awkward (4441) or unbalanced (the rest). *Check the shape adds up to 13, too often folk manage to hide a card behind another one!*

Then evaluate your hand (count the HCP).

The next three pages cover opener's opening bid with

- Balanced hand.
- 4441 shape.
- Unbalanced hand.



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### Opener's Opening bid – balanced hand

0..11 HCP	Pass
12..14 HCP	1NT <i>Partner announces "12 to 14"</i> <i>Planned rebid is "Pass"</i>
15..19 HCP	1longest_suit <i>Not strongest_suit</i> <i>Planned rebid is NT at appropriate level</i>
20+ HCP	<i>later</i>

*Andrew Robson*: bid 1NT on all 12..14 HCP 5332 hands.

*PM in RWPB*: the same, unless the L5 suit is a **major** of rebiddable quality.

With ♣AKQJT bid 1NT

With ♥97532 bid 1NT

With ♥AKJ75 bid 1♥

Agree which you will do with your partner beforehand.



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**Opener's Opening bid – the awkward shape 4441 – RWPB p45**

0..13 HCP

Pass

14..19 HCP

1♥ if L4♥

1 minor otherwise

*weakest minor if both L4♣ & L4♦.*

Your planned rebid is to agree responder's suit or NT if he bids your L1 suit.

*The same suit selection philosophy can be used with 4432 balanced hands.*



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### Opener's Opening bid – unbalanced hand

Normally

0..11 HCP

12..19 HCP

Pass

1longest\_suit

*If two L4 suits it will either be 4432 or 4441*

If two L5 (5530, 5521) or two L6 (6610)

open higher ranking except with

L5♣ and L5♠, open 1♣.

20+ HCP

*later*

Less often

10..11 HCP

Light opening, as normal 12..19 HCP when

RWPB : L6+suit

AR : Rule of 20.

6..9 HCP

*Pre-emptive openings, later*



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### **HCP and Points**

Note that the previous pages referred to HCP rather than Points. The use of Points has caused (me) some confusion – which is still not fully resolved.

An email conversation with Julian Pottage at Mr Bridge suggested that HCP be used for the first round or two of bidding and that the extra points for shape not be added until subsequent rounds.

It is all a little unsatisfactory.



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### **JP's reply...**

The usual rule is that you only add shape points when (a) you are playing in a suit and (b) you have found a fit. So for a no-trump bid or a bid early in the auction before you have found a fit, points and HCP are more or less synonymous.

Once you have found a fit, when it is usual to add points for shape, the term 'points' becomes more ambiguous. Some people say 'HCP' when they wish to exclude shape points and 'including shape points' or similar when they do not. As it is rather long winded to say things like 'including 2 points for the singleton because you have a nine-card fit', many people simply say points when they mean to include shape and HCP when they wish to exclude it.





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There is only one Opening bid, once it has been made folks' roles are defined. Opener's partner is Responder, the others are the overcallers.



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### **Responder's bid**

The next four pages cover Responder's first bid:

- An unbalanced hand after an opening 1NT.
- A balanced hand after an opening 1NT.
- An unbalanced hand after an opening 1suit.
- A balanced hand after an opening 1suit.



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Responder's first bid – unbalanced hand after 1NT

0..10 HCP	2♦ 2♥ 2♠ as Weak Take Out with L5+suit 2♣ (Stayman) intending WTO 3♣ with L6+♣ 2♣ (Stayman) with L5+/L4+ in BOTH majors if either fit then pass else WTO in L5+suit Pass if only long suit is L5♣
11..18 HCP L3-both_majors	<i>IE you have a minor suited hand</i> Bid as for a balanced hand
11..18 HCP L4major	2♣ (Stayman)
11..18 HCP L5major	3major (Game force in 3NT or 4major)
11..18 HCP L6+major	4major
19+ HCP	later

If you use Stayman and get an answer you didn't want, bid what you would have bid if you hadn't used Stayman.



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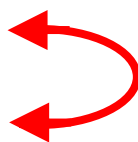


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### Responder's first bid – balanced hand after 1NT

Calculate the point count for the partnership and bid to that level.

0..10	Pass
11..12	2NT invite game
13..18	3NT game
19..20	4NT invite slam
21..22	6NT slam
23..24	5NT choose slam
25+	7NT



Not enough for game

Asking Pass or 3NT

Enough for game

Asking Pass or 6NT

Enough for small slam

Asking 6NT or 7NT

Enough for grand slam

Note that if your balanced hand is 5332 you may wish to treat it as unbalanced, especially considering Weak Take Out scenarios. If you have L4major, you might need to play Stayman.



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Responder's first bid – unbalanced hand after 1suit

0..5 HCP	Pass
6..9 HCP L4+Support_Major	2opener's_suit
	Rarely may have to bid this with only L3Support
6..9 HCP 13+ Pts L4+Support_Major	4opener's_suit
10..12 HCP L4+Support_Major	3opener's_suit
13..15 HCP L4+Support_Major	3NT pudding raise of suit
13..15 HCP L3-Support_Major	<i>Bid good new suit</i>
6+ HCP L4+good_new_suit	1new_suit
	Prefer 1major with L4major to 2minor with L5minor
8+ HCP L4+good_new_suit	2new_suit
	Need L5♥ to bid 2♥ after 1♠, so may have to pass.
16+ HCP	<i>Jump Shift (later)</i>
6..9 HCP	1NT (Shows no L4major)



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## Week 12 – Opener’s rebid

### Responder’s first bid – balanced hand after 1suit

0..5 HCP	Pass
6..9 HCP L4+Support_Major	2opener’s_suit
6..9 HCP 13+ Pts L4+Support_Major	4opener’s_suit
10..12 HCP L4+Support_Major	3opener’s_suit
13..15 HCP L4+Support_Major	3NT pudding raise of suit
13..15 HCP L3-Support_Major	Bid good new suit
6+ HCP L4+good_new_major	1new_major
8+ HCP L5+good_new_major	2new_major
16+ HCP	Jump Shift (later)
6..9 HCP	1NT (Shows no L4major)
10..12 HCP	2NT
13..15 HCP	3NT See above

*Note that much of this is the same as for an unbalanced hand.*



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's rebid in nine pages:

- opening 1NT                      NT response
- opening 1NT                      2suit response
- opening 1NT                      3suit or 4suit response
- opening 1suit bal
- opening 1suit unbal              major response is a fit
- opening 1suit unbal              response is fit or NT
- opening 1suit unbal              response is new suit non-fit  
    Opener is single suited  
    Opener is double suited  
    Opener is treble suited

Also covered: **Reverse**



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's Rebid – opening 1NT with NT response

Calculate the point count for the partnership and bid to that level.

<i>Resp.</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Opener's rebid</i>
2NT	Game invite	12HCP = Pass, 13 HCP = ?, 14 HCP = 3NT
3NT	Game play	Pass
4NT	Slam invite	12HCP = Pass, 13 HCP = ?, 14 HCP = 6NT
5NT	Grand invite	12HCP = 6NT, 13 HCP = ?, 14 HCP = 7NT
6NT	Slam play	Pass
7NT	Grand play	Pass





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## Week 12 – Opener’s rebid

### Opener’s Rebid – opening 1NT with 2suit response

<i>Resp.</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Opener’s rebid</i>
2♦		
2♥	Weak take out	Pass
2♠		
2♣	Stayman	2♦      L3-♥ L3-♠ 2♥      L4+♥ L?♠ 2♠      L3-♥ L4+♠



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's Rebid – opening 1NT with 3suit or 4suit response

<i>Resp.</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Opener's rebid</i>
3♥	L5♥ 11+ HCP Invite	L3+♥ 4♥ Game L2-♥ 3NT Game
3♠	L5♠ 11+ HCP Invite	L3+♠ 4♠ Game L2-♠ 3NT Game
3♣ / 3♦	<i>Slam try</i>	<i>later</i>
4♥	L6♥ 11+ HCP Game	Pass
4♠	L6♠ 11+ HCP Game	Pass
4♣ / 4♦	<i>Not a recognised bid</i>	



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with a balanced hand

<i>O's points</i>	<i>O's rebid</i>	<i>Example sequences</i>	<i>Point sums</i>
15..16 HCP	bid NT	1♥ → 1♠ → 1NT 1♥ → 2♣ → 2NT	(15+6=21) (15+8=23)
17..18 HCP	jump in NT	1♥ → 1♠ → stop 2NT 1♥ → 2♣ → stop 3NT	(17+6=23) (17+8=25)
19 HCP	3NT	1♥ → 1♠ → stop 3NT	(19+6=25)

But if Responder showed a major suit and you have a fit (L4+major) support the major suit instead. Raise to the limit of your combined hands.

12..15 HCP	bid major	1♥ → 1♠ → 2♠	(6+12=18)
16..18 HCP	jump major	1♥ → 1♠ → 3♠	(6+16=22)
19 HCP	Game	1♥ → 1♠ → 4♠	(6+19=25)



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand

If Responder showed a major suit and you have a fit (L4+major) support the major suit. Raise to the limit of your combined hands.

<i>O's points</i>	<i>O's rebid</i>	<i>Example sequences</i>	<i>Point sums</i>
12..15 HCP	bid major	1♥ → 1♠ → 2♠	(6+12=18)
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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### **Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand**

If Responder shows a fit in your suit or bids NT,

if combined points below game	Pass
if combined points at game if Resp max	Raise 1 level <i>Game invite</i>
if combined points at game if Resp min	Bid Game

If Resp showed 6..9, Opener needs 19..16

If Resp showed 10..12, Opener needs 15..13



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

**Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand**

If Responder shows a new suit that isn't a fit:

Single suited hands:

L5+suit	2suit
L6+suit 14+ Pts	3suit
Good L6+suit 14+ Pts	4suit

*(needs no trump support from partner)*



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

**Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand**

If Responder shows a new suit that isn't a fit:

Double suited hands:

Bid second\_suit                      Shows L5+first\_suit, L4+second\_suit

*Bid at 1 level if you can*

Jump second suit                      Shows L5+ in both suits and 17+ Pts



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### **Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand**

If Responder shows a new suit that isn't a fit:

Treble suited hands:

Often these are 4441 - see RWPB p45. The rebid will be a lie, so do not open with 12..13 HCP and 4441 shape to minimise problems.

Sometimes treat 5431 as treble suited and consider supporting Responder's 1major with 2major on only L3major.





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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand

Usually when you show two suits (which, with Responder's suit means your partnership have bid three suits) if Responder is weak and likes neither of your suits he should return you to your original suit at the lowest level unless he has 2 more cards in his holding of the second suit than he has in the first suit.

Eg      1♥ → 1♠ → 2♣ → 2♥      with L2♥ and L3♣

But      1♥ → 1♠ → 2♣ → 3♣      with L1♥ and L3♣

*Resp 3♣ keeps the bidding open in case O has 19 Pts*

However sometimes to revert to the first suit you are forced to the 3 level.

Eg      1♥ → 2♣ → 2♠ → 3♥      **Reverse** O needs 16+ Pts for this.

Eg      1♦ → 2♣ → 2♥ → 3♦      **Reverse** O needs 16+ Pts for this.



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### **Opener's Rebid – opening 1suit with an unbalanced hand**

“In order to reverse, opener's hand must contain at least 16pts and always more cards in the first suit than the second.”

“A reverse is forcing. Responder **MUST** dredge up one more bid even if he has minimum points.”

“With hands of 12..15 Pts, you must not reverse. To avoid doing so, just rebid your first suit” (which will be interpreted as being longer than it really is).



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## Week 12 – Opener's rebid

### **Opener's Rebid**

*Another week...*

“Trial bids” in major suits after 1major → 2major

“Stopper showing bids for NT” after 1minor → 1minor

Cue bids after suit agreed

Blackwood 4NT after suit

*Already mentioned*

Quantative 4NT after NT



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## Week 12 Play

### Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables.

This week I do not plan to ask you to move, in future weeks we may.

**NS have the pair number of their table.** (North has back to screen)  
**EW have the pair number of their table plus 6.**

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

And one last thing – as part of the learning process – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is standardly required (announcing 1NT to be 12-14 points, ALERTing a conventional bid, ...) – AND ALSO to give a brief description to the other three players on what the bid means.

**Any questions?**

**Optional coffee... 20p**

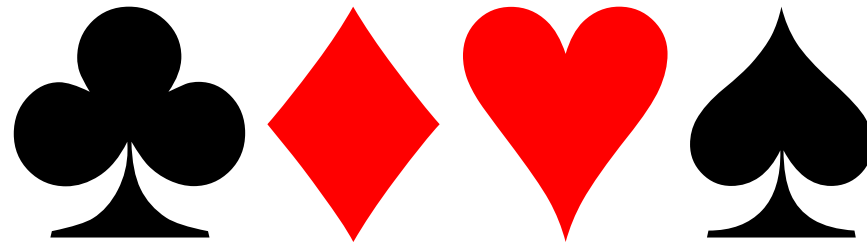
**PLAY**



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The end



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## Week 12 Set hands

- 1 AR Stayman and Transfer #S3 (AS=S)
- 2 AR Bidding As Opener #7 (AS=E)
- 3 AR Bidding As Opener #10 (AS=E)
- 4 AR Rules and Ditties #R6 (AS=W)