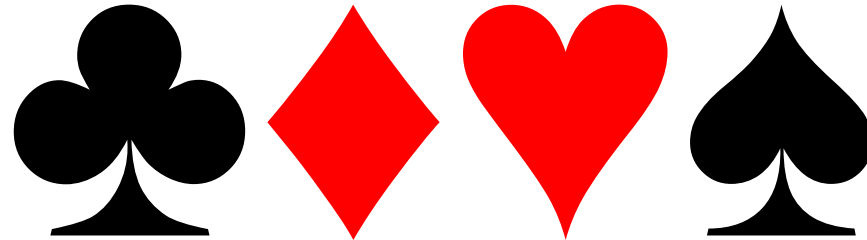




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Week 13 Trial bids (part 1)



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This presents the second third of chapter 5 of  
Paul Mendelson – Right Way to Play Bridge (RWPB)

It is additional material on Opener's rebid and will probably be new to most folk.

There are two topics at the end of chapter 5:

- Major suit trial bid
- Stopper-showing minor bids

This week we cover Major suit trial bids



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### Imagine

You have opened 1 major and your partner has supported your suit with a 2 level bid.

That is we have had

1♥ → 2♥

or 1♠ → 2♠

What do these bids mean?



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### **Opener's 1major**

Typically shows 12..19 HCP and L4+major.

It could show 10..11 HCP with suitable distribution.

It says nothing (yet) about distribution,  
but if it is a balanced hand then it is 15..19 HCP.

And if it is 4441 (then it won't be 1♠) the hand will have 14..19 HCP.



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### **Responder's 2major**

This promises L4+ support for Opener's suit and 6..9 HCP.

*Under some circumstances, Responder may bid 2major with only L3major. This is to be reserved for hands where there is nothing better for Responder to bid.*



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### Opener's rebid

What does opener do now?

Last week we said:

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

If Responder shows a fit in your suit,

if combined points below game

Pass

if combined points at game if Responder maximum

Raise 1 level

*Game invite*

if combined points at game if Responder minimum

Bid Game

*If Responder showed 6..9 HCP,*

*Opener needs 19..16 HCP*

*If Responder showed 10..12 HCP,*

*Opener needs 15..13 HCP*



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Holding this hand

♠ A K Q 8 7

♥ K 7

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 9

You have 5332 shape and 17 HCP.

What do you open?



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Holding this hand

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♣ A J 9

You have 5332 shape and 17 HCP.

You open 1♠.

Responder then bids 2♠ showing?





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Holding this hand

♠ A K Q 8 7

♥ K 7

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

You open 1♠.

Responder then bids 2♠ showing 6..9 HCP and L4+♠.

What is opener's rebid?



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Holding this hand

♠ A K Q 8 7

♥ K 7

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

1♠ → 2♠

Responder: L4+♠ / 6..9 HCP

Using the guide from earlier, we would add the points to decide:

$$17 + 6..9 = 23..26.$$

So game is a possibility, but we may not have sufficient points so invite with 3♠, saying pass with 6..7 and bid game (4♠) with 8..9 HCP.



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♥ K 7  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

1♠ → 2♠

Responder: L4+♠ / 6..9 HCP

What happens if Responder has

♠ J 6 4 3  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ J 6 5 4  
♣ Q 8

This is 6 points and a ♠ fit, so the 2♠ bid is fine.



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♥ K 7  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

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♥ Q 6 3  
♦ J 6 5 4  
♣ Q 8

You make 5 spades, 1 heart, maybe one diamond, two clubs for 8.5 tricks.

Opener is worried this may happen. He would be happier if there was cover in the diamond suit, his weakness.



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♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

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♥ Q 6 3  
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♣ Q 8

So before inviting a slam, he asks responder “Have you got cover in my weak suit, diamonds?”

If responder has, then he says so, bidding game. Otherwise he signs off at the 3 level.



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♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

♠ J 6 4 3  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ J 6 5 4  
♣ Q 8

1♠ → 2♠ → 3♦ (Have you ♦ cover?) → 3♠ (I can't help)



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♥ K 7  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

♠ J 6 4 3  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 8  
♣ Q 8 5 3

1♠ → 2♠ → 3♦ (Have you ♦ cover?) → 4♠ (I can trump ♦)



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## Week 13 Trial bids (part 1)

♠ A K Q 8 7  
♥ K 7  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A J 9

Opener: 5332 / 17 HCP

♠ 9 6 4 3  
♥ 9 8 6 3  
♦ A Q  
♣ 8 5 3

1♠ → 2♠ → 3♦ (Have you ♦ cover?)

→ 4♠ (I have a couple of good honours in ♦)





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## Week 13 Trial bids (part 1)

1major → 2major

Opener bids another suit:

“I am worried about 3 quick losers in this other suit”

Responder has:

3 losers in this other suit as well

2 losers and 6..7 HCP

2 losers and 8..9 HCP

1..0 losers

3agreed\_major

3agreed\_major

4agreed\_major

4agreed\_major

Opener then passes.



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## Week 13 Play

### **Play**

Some of this week's hands do not come from a book but have been made up. They are therefore not as reliable as some of the others we have used.

Of course all deals are valid and you should play them as best you can, regardless of today's subject matter.

I raise this since it is possible (likely?) that your bidding will not match what is on the paper in the wallets. Don't worry about it.



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## Week 13 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**

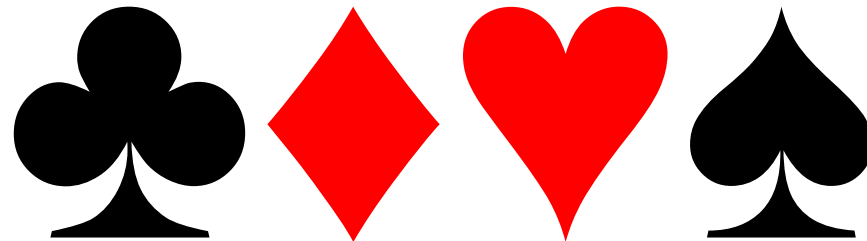
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The end



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## Week 13 Set hands

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | N ♠K7♥AKQ87♦AJ9♣742<br>S ♠A542♥9643♦Q653♣8         | E ♠T98♥JT♦K87♣K9653<br>W ♠QJ63♥52♦T42♣AQJT         |
| 2 | E ♠AK542♥A3♦52♣A854<br>W ♠63♥852♦K8♣KQJ932         | S ♠QT9♥JT97♦AJ97♣76<br>N ♠J87♥KQ64♦QT643♣T         |
| 3 | S ♠KJ4♥32♦AJ62♣AKJ5W<br>N ♠865♥A64♦KQ3♣Q743        | W ♠QT92♥KJ8♦T875♣82<br>E ♠A73♥QT975♦94♣T96         |
| 4 | W ♠;AKQ98♥;963♦;AK5♣.63<br>E ♠;J742♥;J742♦;Q6♣.KQ5 | N ♠;53♥;K85♦;J973♣.A742<br>S ♠;T6♥;AQT♦;T842♣.JT98 |
| 5 | AR Rules and Ditties #R7 (AS=S)                    |  |
| 6 | AR Finesse #9 (AS=E)                               |  |

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