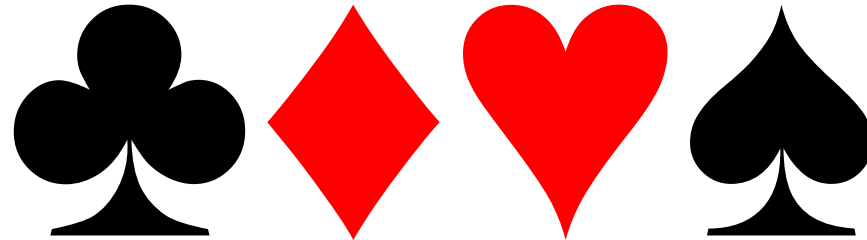




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Week 14 Trial bids (part 2)



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This presents the last part 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.

It covers "Stopper-showing minor bids".



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Last time we covered Major suit Trial bids

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 if opener has 3 quick losers in a different suit? He can use this gadget:

Bid the problem suit at the lowest level.

Saying Game is possible, I have 3 quick losers in X.

Responder replies with a return to the bid suit, at the lowest level if he can't help (eg J642) or a game bid if he can (L1X or AQT).



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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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That was One way of helping when seeking a game in a **major** suit.

The next trial bid is almost completely the opposite and is for **minor** suits.

“Stopper-showing minor bids”.

In a minor suit a 5minor contract is usually unwanted, instead a 3NT contract is preferred, only 9 tricks instead of 11.

In this scheme you ask questions about which suits have good cards in them – have stops.



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Stopper-showing minor bids

This technique is used after

1♣ → 2♣

1♦ → 2♦

1♣ → 3♣

1♦ → 3♦

To use this technique, Opener must know that enough points for game is possible.

After a 2minor response (showing 6..9 HCP) opener needs 17+ HCP. This is a combined 23..26 HCP, enough for 2NT and maybe enough for 3NT.

After a 3minor response (showing 10..12 HCP) opener needs 14+ HCP. This is a combined 24..26 HCP, enough for 2NT and maybe enough for 3NT.



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Stopper-showing minor bids

Opener's rebid now comprises a bid in another suit, the cheapest available to him, in which he holds a stop.

What is a stop?

A K x Q x x J x x x

are all considered as a stop.

Responder then bids the next cheapest suit in which he has a stop. Bidding now reverts to the previously used scheme but with additional knowledge about each other's hands.

If all the suits are covered, then 3NT can be tried.

If one isn't and the points for game are there, go for 5minor

Otherwise go for a part score in the minor suit.



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Stopper-showing minor bids

♠ 8 7
♥ A K 7
♦ A K 7 4 2
♣ A 9 6
5332 / 18 HCP

1♦

♠ A J 9
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 8 5 3
♣ J 5 3 2
4432 / 8 HCP

2♦

What is West worried about?



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What is West worried about?
His weak Spades.

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So what does he do?
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What bid?



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What is West worried about?
His weak Spades.

So what does he do?
He starts Stopper-showing minor bidding.

What bid?
After 2♦, the next cheapest suit is ♥. As it happens, he has two stops in hearts so he bids 2♥.



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2♥

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What for responder?



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2♦
What for responder?
His cheapest stop is
2♠



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4432 / 8 HCP

2♦
2♠

Now Opener knows spades is covered, he can show his 17..18 HCP with a jump raise in NT over the original 2♦ by bidding 3NT.



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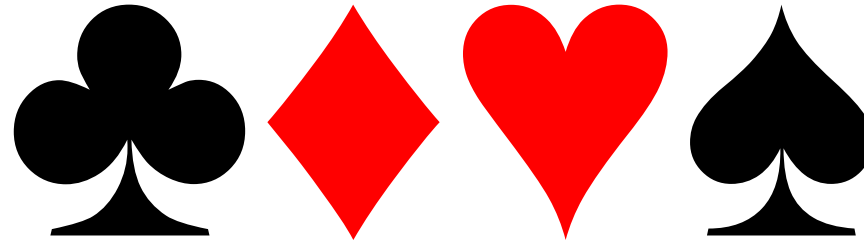
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Week 14 Q&A



In response to requests,
we are trying a Question and Answer session.

Over to you...



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Week 14 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.

Note that the hands are quite similar to each other with the suits swapped and minor changes to the holdings. A major fit is handled very differently to a minor fit.



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Week 14 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

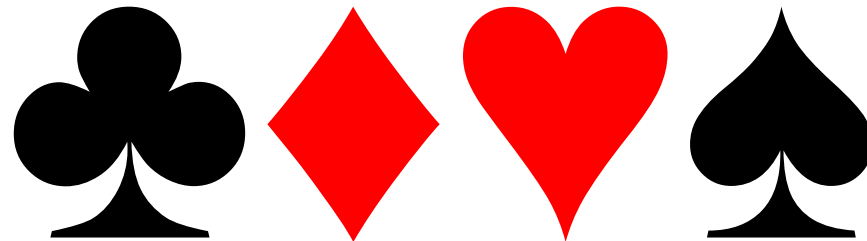
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Week 14 Trial bids (part 2)



The end



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Week 14 Set hands

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | N ♠AQ85♥AQ7♦753♣KQ3
S ♠K976♥T6♦KQT6♣T98 | E ♠JT♥J954♦A842♣AJ7
W ♠432♥K832♦J9♣6542 |
| 2 | E ♠AQ7♥KQ3♦753♣AQ85
W ♠T6♥T98♦KQ86♣K976 | S ♠J9543♥J72♦AT2♣JT
N ♠K82♥A654♦J94♣432 |
| 3 | S ♠AQ85♥KQ3♦753♣AQ7
N ♠K976♥T98♦KQ86♣T6 | W ♠JT♥J72♦AT2♣J9543
E ♠432♥A654♦J94♣K82 |
| 4 | W ♠KQ3♥753♦AQ7♣AQ85
E ♠T98♥KQT6♦T6♣K976 | N ♠AJ7♥A842♦J954♣JT
S ♠6542♥J9♦K832♣432 |
| 5 | N ♠AQ85♥AQ7♦753♣KJ3
S ♠K976♥KT6♦QT♣T987 | E ♠JT♥J954♦A8642♣AQ
W ♠432♥832♦KJ9♣6542 |

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