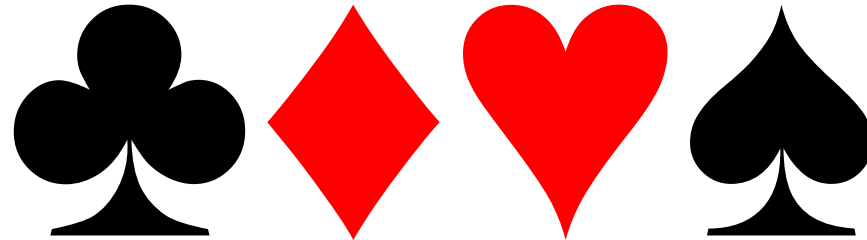




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Week 15 Responder's rebid



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This presents chapter 6 of

Paul Mendelson – Right Way to Play Bridge (RWPB)

[in brief](#). **You'll have to read the chapter several times to get the full import of its content.**

We have already covered hand evaluation, the opening bid, responder's first bid and opener's rebid. This session wraps up the 1suit and 1NT openings.



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### Showing preference

*Sequences below omit the passes by the overcalling pair.*

Often the first 3 bids bidding will each be a different suit. Eg:

1♥ → 1♠ → 2♦    O=12..19 HCP, L5+♥, L4+♦, L3-♠  
R= 6+ HCP, L4+♠, L3-♥

In other words Responder doesn't have a fit in ♥ and offers an alternative, ♠, which opener doesn't like either.

If Responder is not strong enough to make game likely, say 9- HCP, then he probably wants to sign off. Normally it is best to return to the first suit bid by opener:

1♥ → 1♠ → 2♦ → 2♥

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### Showing preference

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The 2 more cards reflects the principle that length is better than strength.

Preference is often given on a doubleton, sometimes less, and **never** promises any extra points. It is merely a correction of the contract.



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### Game going hands

With 10+ points, you want to do more than just show preference.

- 1) **Support partner.** Show 10+ HCP and 8 card fit with first suit with a **jump** bid back to partner's first suit. (Use the **stop** card!)
- 2) **Rebid your suit.** Show 10+ HCP and L6+ in your suit by rebidding it.
- 3) **Bid NT.** NT responses are the same as R's first bid except a jump to 3NT is not a pudding raise, but is natural, showing 13..15 HCP.

If your pair has bid 3 suits, and you now bid NT, you are **promising two stoppers** in the unbid suit.

- 4) **Bid the fourth suit.** **Fourth suit forcing.**

This **forces** partner to make another bid and **denies two stoppers** in the unbid suit.



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### Fourth suit forcing

If you, as Responder, use fourth suit forcing, you need enough points to cope with whatever your partner bids next. 11+ HCP at the 1 or 2 level and 13+ at the 3 level.

You promise nothing about the length of the fourth suit, it is a *gadget*, and you may have L1suit4 or L5suit4!

At the 1 & 2 level, the bid is a general enquiry only and you may have no high cards in the fourth suit.

At the 3 level your partner will expect one stopper in the fourth suit.

Your partner then **must** describe his hand some more.

If you know game is a viable target, but don't know the suit/NT yet, you know your partner **will respond** to this **4SF** bid, so investigation can continue.



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### Responding after a reverse

A reverse is where the bidding is such that in order to show preference for Opener's first suit, Responder has to bid at the 3 level.

1♥ → 1♠ → 2♦ → 2♥      Not a reverse

1♥ → 2♣ → 2♦ → 2♥      Not a reverse

1♥ → 2♣ → 2♠ → 3♥      A reverse

1♦ → 1♠ → 2♥ → 3♦      A reverse

### Opener:

In order to reverse, O must have 16+ HCP and more cards in suit1 than in suit2.

With 12..15 HCP, [do not reverse](#), just rebid first suit.



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### **Responding after a reverse**

Because Opener has reversed, Responder knows he has 16+ points.

With a weak hand (8..9 Pts):

- a) Show preference at the 3 level to suit1 or suit2 as appropriate;
- b) With 2 stoppers in unbid suit, bid 2NT;
- c) With L6+ in your suit & dislike for both O's suits, rebid your L6suit.

With a stronger hand (10+ Pts):

- a) Jump support (4 level) one of O's suits;
- b) Jump rebid your L6+suit;
- c) 3NT with 2 stoppers in unbid suit;
- d) With only 1 stopper, use Fourth suit Forcing.





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**Read the chapter in the book several times.**

Indeed, reread all the chapters in the book several times.

Also look through these presentations.

Also review the set hands if you have access to the sources or deal your own hands and work out how best to bid and play them,



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## Week 15 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**

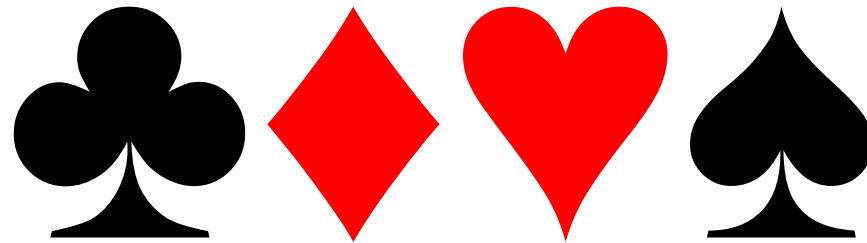
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The end



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- 1 AR Bridge Common Mistakes #1 (AS=N)
- 2 E ♠AQ7♥732♦A75♣AK85      S ♠K954♥KQT♦T32♣JT4  
W ♠T6♥J98♦KQ86♣Q976      N ♠J832♥A654♦J94♣32
- 3 AR Bridge Common Mistakes #2 (AS=E)
- 4 AR Bridge Common Mistakes #6 (AS=N)
- 5 AR Bridge Common Mistakes #18 (AS=N)
- 6 AR Bridge Common Mistakes #29 (AS=E)

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