



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



While waiting for 10am – Week 4

## Etiquette (part 3)

*These statements may need to be modified if any player is disabled.*

Declarer asks dummy to play a particular card. Asking for the card constitutes the "play". If declarer just says a suit, the **lowest** card in that suit is selected.

Whilst bidding, decide on your bid before touching the bidding box.

Leave all bidding cards on the table until after the opening lead is made.

If the bidding cards are placed towards the edge of the table, there will be room for dummy to put their hand down before putting the cards away.

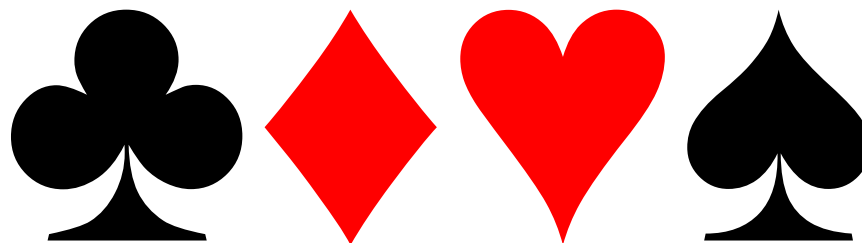
The board should remain in the centre of the table. *At Burpham Village Hall, the tables are too small to permit this. North should remove and replace the board correctly aligned.*



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Week 4 Welcome



Steve Bailey



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## Week 4 Opening bids

This week we are reprising last week's **Opening bids**.

It is usual when presenting bridge, to discuss an opening bid type and then continue with its responses and rebids etc.

Since this should just be revision for everyone, this presentation discusses all (most of?) the opening bid types and ignores responses and rebids until a later week.



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## Week 4 Opening bids

In general the priority for bidding is:

- Major suit contracts
- No Trump contracts
- Minor suit contracts



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## Week 4 Opening bids

**Assuming** that you have the **appropriate number of Points**, an opening bid is of the **longest suit**, except

- if a conventional bid is used (*eg acol superstrong 2C*);
- if a hand calls for a NoTrump bid (*usually a balanced hand*);
- if there are two+ (*two or more*) suits of equal length, when you must choose which one.

When two suits are of equal length, bid the highest ranking suit, except with:

L4S and L4H    bid H    (*You only intend to bid one suit and*  
L4D and L4C    bid C    *rebid NT. Leave space for partner*  
*to mention the other suit if he has it.)*

*(With, say, L4H and L4D, bid the major first. It is more important.)*

*(With L5S and L5H, open the higher ranking. You plan to rebid the lower ranking next, which will be interpreted as L5+S and L4+H. Similarly with L5D & L5C, open the higher ranking.)*



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Should you have three longest suits of equal length, which means the **4441 shape**, bid:

Red Singleton. Open suit below L1 suit. L1H, bid D L1D, bid C

Black Singleton. Open middle L4 suit. L1S, bid D L1C, bid H

*Illustrated below using the suit initial for the L1 suit, Open the bold suit:*

S	Spades	Spades	Spades
Hearts	H	Hearts	<b>Hearts</b>
<b>Diamonds</b>	<b>Diamonds</b>	D	Diamonds
Clubs	Clubs	<b>Clubs</b>	C
<i>middle</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>middle</i>

*With a 4441 hand, the system WILL force you to lie. So only open them 1Suit with **13+** Points to compensate for the misinformation given.*



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## Week 4 Opening bids

Before making any opening bid, you should first plan your rebid.

For long suits, it will often be to rebid the suit;

For some suits, it will be to show a second (shorter?) suit.

For NT and pre-emptive openings the rebid plan is PASS.

Your planned rebid may well change in the light of opposition and partner bids.

Do not touch the bidding box until you have MADE your decision.  
And, especially, **do not fiddle** with the cards while you are thinking.



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## Week 4 Opening bids

To open	You need to hold
1NT	12..14 Pts Balanced
1Suit	12..19 Pts 4441 ~ 13..19 Pts 1C shows 12..19..22 Pts as a strong 2C is unavailable.
2NT	20..22 hcp Balanced (or perhaps semi-balanced)
2Suit (not C)	Basic acol: Strong. 8..9½ tricks in your hand Often crudely summarised as 20..22 Pts.
2C	The superstrong acol bid Suited 10+ tricks (Game) in your own hand Balanced 23+ Pts
3NT	10 Pts L7Minor headed by AKQJ
3Suit	5..9 Pts Good L7Suit (2+ of AKQJ)
4Suit	5..9 Pts Good L8Suit (2+ of AKQJ)

*We will consider responses another week.*





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## Week 4 Opening bids

<b>Opening</b>	<b>Alert / Announce</b> (by Partner)
1NT	Announce range "12 to 14"
1Suit	None
2NT	None
2Suit (not C)	Announce "Strong, forcing" or "Strong, non-forcing" <i>The practice of making strong bids with hands of limited high cards must be clearly disclosed.</i>
2C	Alert
3NT	None
3Suit	None
4Suit	None

*But even if a bid does not need to be alerted, the opposition can still ask what it means at their turn to bid.*



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When you have a balanced hand in the 12..14 hcp region, the rule is that you open **1NT**.

However if the hand is 5332 with a L5Major and that is a good (rebiddable) suit, it is better to open **1Major**.



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Your seat as opening bidder makes a difference. *Though until you are thoroughly happy with each bid, you may wish to treat them all as Constructive.*

First seat	Aggressive	Remaining points are split between 2 opponents and one partner.
Second Seat	Constructive	1 <sup>st</sup> seat was weak. Remaining points are split between 1 opponent and 1 partner.
Third seat	Disruptive	Previous 2 seats are weak. If you are also weak then final opponent is likely to be strong. Consider a slightly wild / under-par bid.
Fourth seat	Be Positive	Pass the hand out (score = 0 ) unless you can be reasonably sure you will get a positive score.



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## Week 4 Opening bids

Here follow several hands to open.

In each case, the hand is Dealer (first to bid) and non-vulnerable.

In each case, please also determine your planned rebid.

*Vulnerability and Reverses affect what you open and rebid - but we will (mostly) leave these until another week.*



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## Week 4 Opening bids 1

{W}

♠ 854

♥ AQ87

♦ K6

♣ KJ63

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 1

{W}

♠ 854

♥ AQ87

♦ K6

♣ KJ63

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 4432      Balanced

HCP: 13

Points: 13

Longest suit:    L4H, L4C

**1NT**    *12..14hcp, Balanced.*

Rebid: Pass



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## Week 4 Opening bids 2

{W}

♠ KQJ4

♥ JT8543

♦ 6

♣ 42

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 2

{W}

♠ KQJ4

♥ JT8543

♦ 6

♣ 42

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 6421      Unbalanced

HCP: 7

Points: 8      +1 L6H

Longest suit:    L6H

**Pass**    *Too weak to open;  
Does not have 2+ of  
top 4 H.*

Rebid: n/a

*(Note that if you had chosen to  
play "Weak Twos", this would still  
normally be too weak.*





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## Week 4 Opening bids 3

{W}

♠ AQJ

♥ KQT96

♦ AJ

♣ KT9

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 3

{W}

♠ AQJ

♥ KQT96

♦ AJ

♣ KT9

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5332      Balanced

HCP: 20

Points: 21      +1 L5H

Longest suit:    L5H

**2NT**    *20..22Pts, Balanced.*

Rebid: Pass - it is likely that Partner will bid the final contract, Pass (2NT) or 3NT.



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## Week 4 Opening bids 4

{W}

♠ J6

♥ A983

♦ J82

♣ KQ96

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 4

{W}

♠ J6

♥ A983

♦ J82

♣ KQ96

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 4432      Balanced

HCP: 11

Points: 11

Longest suit:    L4H, L4C

**Pass**    *11-hcp Balanced.*

Rebid: n/a



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## Week 4 Opening bids 5

{W}

♠ 72

♥ A2

♦ AKT94

♣ K876

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 5

{W}

♠ 72

♥ A2

♦ AKT94

♣ K876

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5422      Semi-balanced

HCP: 14

Points: 15      +1 L5D

Longest suit:      **L5D**

**1D**      *12..19Pts, L4+D.*

Rebid: 2C.      *Shows L5D, L4C.*



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## Week 4 Opening bids 6

{W}

♠ AKQJT7

♥ AK

♦ AK

♣ 732

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 6

{W}

♠ AKQJT7

♥ AK

♦ AK

♣ 732

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 6322      Unbalanced

HCP: 24

Points: 26      +2 L6S

Longest suit:      L6S

**2C**      *Superstrong, 10 tricks in hand (6\*S, 2\*H, 2\*D).*

Rebid: 2S





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## Week 4 Opening bids 7

{W}

♠ AQT9876

♥ 32

♦ T8

♣ 65

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 7

{W}

♠ AQT9876

♥ 32

♦ T8

♣ 65

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 7222      Unbalanced

HCP: 6

Points: 8      +2 L7S

Longest suit:    L7S

**3S**      *Pre-emptive, 5..9Pts,  
L7S, 2+ of top 4 S (AQ).*

Rebid: Pass



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## Week 4 Opening bids 8

{W}

♠ 72

♥ A2

♦ K876

♣ AK754

What does West bid with this hand?



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



## Week 4 Opening bids 8

{W}

♠ 72

♥ A2

♦ K876

♣ AK754

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5422      Semi-balanced

HCP: 14

Points: 15      +1 L5C

Longest suit:      **L5C**

**1C**      (*12..19..22Pts, L4+C*)

Rebid: 2C.      *2D would be a Reverse.*

*But if {E} bid 1D then rebid 2D.*



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## Week 4 Opening bids 9

{W}

♠ J6

♥ A983

♦ AQ2

♣ KQ96

What does West bid with this hand?



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



## Week 4 Opening bids 9

{W}

♠ J6

♥ A983

♦ AQ2

♣ KQ96

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 4432      Balanced

HCP: 16

Points: 16

Longest suit:    L4H, L4C

**1H**      *Two L4Suits: Major & Minor; Open 1Major. 12..19 Pts, L4+H.*

Rebid: Raise in NT.



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## Week 4 Opening bids 10

{W}

♠ A32

♥ A83

♦ A2

♣ AKQ72

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 10

{W}

♠ A32

♥ A83

♦ A2

♣ AKQ72

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5332      Balanced

HCP: 21

Points: 22      +1 L5C

Longest suit:      L5C

**2NT**      *20..22Pts, Balanced  
(or semi-balanced).*

Rebid: Pass - it is likely that Partner will bid the final contract, Pass (2NT) or 3NT.





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## Week 4 Opening bids 11

{W}

♠ K95

♥ AK872

♦ J72

♣ A7

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 11

{W}

♠ K95

♥ AK872

♦ J72

♣ A7

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5332      Balanced

HCP: 15

Points: 16      +1 L5H

Longest suit:    L5H

**1H**      *12..19Pts, L4+H.*

Rebid: Raise in NT



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## Week 4 Opening bids 12

{W}

♠ A2

♥ AJT965

♦ 863

♣ K4

What does West bid with this hand?



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



## Week 4 Opening bids 12

{W}

♠ A2

♥ AJT965

♦ 863

♣ K4

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 6322      Semi-balanced

HCP: 12

Points: 14      +2 L6H

Longest suit:    L6H

**1H**      *12..19Pts, L4+H.*

Rebid: 2H



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## Week 4 Opening bids 13

{W}

♠ KQ64

♥ QJ

♦ AK643

♣ 94

What does West bid with this hand?



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



## Week 4 Opening bids 13

{W}

♠ KQ64

♥ QJ

♦ AK643

♣ 94

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5422      Semi-balanced

HCP: 15

Points: 15

Longest suit:    L5D

**1D**      *12..19Pts, L4+D.*

Rebid: 1S if possible, else 2D.



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## Week 4 Opening bids 14

{W}

♠ A985

♥ AK83

♦ 2

♣ Q976

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 14

{W}

♠ A985

♥ AK83

♦ 2

♣ Q976

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 4441      Awkward

HCP: 13

Points: 13

Singleton: L1D

**1C**      *Suit below singleton.  
12..19Pts, L4+C.*

Rebid: 1S or 2D. Not 2S.





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## Week 4 Opening bids 15

{W}

♠ AKT5

♥ AJ83

♦ 32

♣ QJ7

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 15

{W}

♠ AKT5

♥ AJ83

♦ 32

♣ QJ7

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 4432      Balanced

HCP: 15

Points: 15

Longest suit:    L4S L4H

**1H**      *Too strong for 1NT opening, Two major L4 suits. Open lower. 12..19Pts, L4+H.*

Rebid: Raise in NT



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## Week 4 Opening bids 16

{W}

♠ AKQJT

♥ AK843

♦ 76

♣ A

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 16

{W}

♠ AKQJT

♥ AK843

♦ 76

♣ A

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 5521      Unbalanced

HCP: 21

Points: 22      +1 L5S

Longest suit:    L5S L5H

**2S**      *Strong. 8..9½ tricks with spades as trumps.  
Crudely 20..22Pts, L5+S.*

Rebid: 3H



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## Week 4 Opening bids 17

{W}

♠ 762

♥ 74

♦ 7

♣ KQT9865

What does West bid with this hand?



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## Week 4 Opening bids 17

{W}

♠ 762

♥ 74

♦ 7

♣ KQT9865

What does West bid with this hand?

Shape: 7321      Unbalanced

HCP: 5

Points: 7      +2 L7C

Longest suit:    L7C

**3C**      *Pre-emptive, 5..9Pts,  
L7C, 2+ of top 4 C (KQ).*

Rebid: Pass



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## Week 4 Play

### Play

**Play as if "Duplicate Pairs".**

{NS} have the pair number of their table, {N} has his back to the stage.  
{EW} have the pair number of their table plus 8.

Play boards in sequence. Have an incoming pile and an outgoing pile.  
Pass outgoing to next lower numbered table – Table 1 to highest table.

Some boards have instructions on card. **The appropriate people should read each card at the time it says and follow its instructions.**

**If you play a board twice, record the second play on the traveller using your pair numbers PLUS TEN (eg 1 v 9 becomes 11 v 19)**

*If you wish to fill in a personal results card, they are available here.  
They are commonly used at duplicate clubs.*

*Don't forget to describe partner's bids and plays to the table.*

**Any questions?**

**Tea / coffee & biscuit. (25p)**

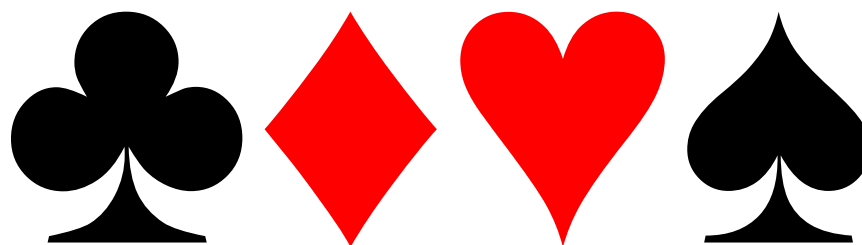
**PLAY**



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Week 4



The end

Week 4 set hand  
references follow.





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## Week 4 Set hands

### Set hand sources

BM:EH                      Bernard Magee: Easier Hand Examples

BM:DisruptingDeclarer   Bernard Magee: Disrupting Declarer set hands

AR:CMHAT                Andrew Robson: Common Mistakes & How to Avoid Them

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Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.

Boards as played are rotated compared to book presentations (which mostly make South dealer). Rotation usually defined by position of A♠.





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## Week 4 Set hands

# Dir Vul Source Rotn  
 12 W NS *BM:EH0002* A♠=S

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3NT=	W	5H	9	-	400	100%	0%
2 10	5D+1	E	5S	12	-	420	50%	50%
Ref	4NT+2	W	5S	12	-	490	0%	100%



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## Week 4 Set hands

Play board 14 before board 13

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
14	E	None	BM:Disrupting Declarer#22	A♠=E

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1	9	4S-1	E	6H 9	50	-	100%	0%
2	10	4S+1	E	QC 11	-	450	0%	100%
Ref		4S=	E	2S 10	-	420	50%	50%

An opening lead of a trump (2S) limits declarer to 10 tricks. Any other lead allows 2 ruffs for 450.



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## Week 4 Set hands

Play board 13 after board 14

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
13	N	All	<i>BM:Disrupting Declarer#22var</i>	A♠=N

Variation: Rotated 90° and C↔S and H↔D.

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2	10	3C+1	N	AH 10	130	-	0%	100%
Ref		3NT=	N	QS 9	600	-	100%	0%

Highlights the fact that the same cards in different suits get different auctions.

With a Major fit, a Major contract is the aim.

With a Minor fit, a No Trump contract is the aim.



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## Week 4 Set hands

<b>#</b>	<b>Dir</b>	<b>Vul</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rotn</b>
15	S	NS	AR:CMHAT#163	A♠=S

<b>NSEW</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Dcl</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>Trk</b>	<b>NS#</b>	<b>EW#</b>	<b>NS%</b>	<b>EW%</b>
1 9	3NT-1	S	6S	8	-	100	50%	50%
Ref	3NT-1	S	6S	8	-	100	50%	50%

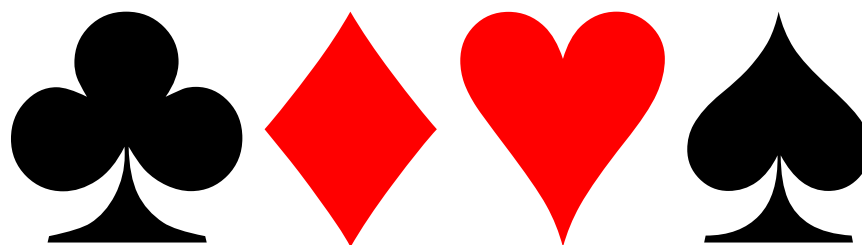
Just because a deal is included in these set hands doesn't mean it **has** to be makeable.



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Week 4



The Very End