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While waiting for 10am – Week 5

Etiquette (part 4)

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

Before all the cards for a trick are placed face down, any player (except dummy) may ask to see them all again. Once all are face down you may relook at your most recently played card.

At the end of the hand, do not pick up your played cards until all four players have agreed the result of the board.

Don't comment on bids until after the board is played.

Don't hold (and bend) the card you are playing. Place it properly on the table, even if you are the last to play in that trick. Allow others time to see what has been played.

As declarer, when dummy lays down his cards say "Thank you partner" (or similar).

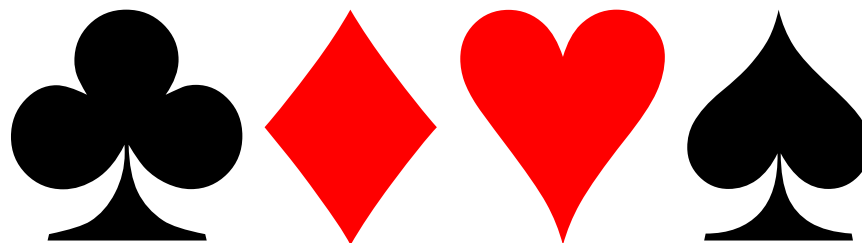
Don't criticize other players - if there is an issue, request the director and explain the problem to him.



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Week 5 Welcome



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Week 5 Opening bids with a balanced hand

	Point range	Opening bid	Planned rebid
	0..11	Pass	Pass
✦	12..14	1NT! (<i>Weak NT</i>)	Pass
	15..17	1(Longest suit)	Raise in NT
	18..19	1(Longest suit)	2NT
✦	20..22	2NT (<i>No alert</i>)	Pass
	23..24	2C!	2NT
	25+	2C!	3NT

1NT should be announced by partner as "Twelve to fourteen" since there are many different ranges used.

*In our set hands, **additionally** describe your partners bid as "12 to 14 points with a balanced hand".*

Note the **modern ranges** for **1(Longest suit)**

2NT is neither announced nor alerted.

2C! (here) is a convention. It should be alerted not announced.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (1)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond?

The key to the responses is to determine your **joint points** and to consider your **shape**. Responses are: Pass, Look for a suit fit, Invite game, Bid game, Invite slam and Bid slam.

Responses may be different if an opponent has intervened.

Recall that normally you need:

- 25+Pts for a Major suit or No Trump Game,
- 27+Pts for a Minor suit Game (*usually inefficient*),
- 31+Pts for a suited Small Slam,
- 33+Pts for a No Trump Small Slam,
- 35+Pts for a suited Grand Slam,
- 37+Pts for a No Trump Grand Slam.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (2)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with a weak hand?

Determine your joint points and shape. Responses are Pass, Look for a suit fit, Invite game, Bid game, Invite slam or Bid slam.

This is a simplified multi-slide list - a more detailed list is possible.

Note that when we introduce Benji Acol, we will also include Transfers and other systems which will alter responses significantly.

(Opener's bids in Green, Responder's bids in Blue.)

Points	Shape	Bid
0..10	No L5+suit	Pass. Joint 12..24 Pts, not enough for game.
0..10	L5+(D,H,S)	2(D,H,S) Weak Take Out (WTO). Opener bids Pass after a WTO.
0..10	L5C	Pass You need L6+C for a Weak Take Out.
0..10	L6+C	<i>Discussed later as 2C is used for Stayman.</i>



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (3)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with no L4+ Major and a balanced hand or a long (L5+) Minor?

	Points	Shape	Bid
	11..12	Bal or minor	2NT , joint 23..26 Pts. Invite game if 25..26.
	13..18	Bal or minor	3NT , joint 25..32 Pts. Game on, but not slam.
✦	19..20	Bal or minor	4NT , joint 31..34 Pts. Invite a slam. Opener bids Pass (4NT) with a joint 31..32, or bids 6NT with a joint 33..34.
	21..22	Bal or minor	6NT , joint 33..36 Pts. Small slam on.
	23..24	Bal or minor	5NT , joint 35..38 Pts. Invite slam choice. Opener bids 6NT with a joint 35..36, or bids 7NT with a joint 37..38.
	25+	Bal or minor	7NT , joint 37..40 Pts. Grand slam on.

Note that the 5NT & 6NT response order is awkward but traditional.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (3)

An alternative NT response scheme that you **must** agree with partner and **explain** to opponents before starting play.

Points	Shape	Bid
11..12	Bal or minor	2NT, joint 23..26 Pts. Invite game if 25..26.
13..18	Bal or minor	3NT, joint 25..32 Pts. Game on, but not slam.
19..20	Bal or minor	4NT, joint 31..34 Pts. Invite a slam. Opener bids Pass (4NT) with a joint 31..32, or bids 6NT with a joint 33..34.
21..22	Bal or minor	5NT, joint 33..36 Pts. Small slam on. Opener MUST convert to 6NT.
23..24	Bal or minor	6NT, joint 35..38 Pts. Invite slam choice. Opener bids Pass (6NT) with a joint 35..36, or bids 7NT with a joint 37..38.
25+	Bal or minor	7NT, joint 37..40+ Pts. Grand slam on.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (4)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with a L5+Major?

	Points	Shape	Bid
✦	11..12	L5Major	<i>Best covered using Transfers.</i> In Basic Acol, use Stayman 2C , then invite game: no fit (2D) bid 2NT ; a 4:5 fit (2Major) bid 3Major . Opener ends bidding Pass or 3NT/4Major .
	11..12	L6+Major	A guaranteed fit, with a basic joint 23..26 Pts. Add 2 Pts for L6+Major (25..28), and more for shortages. Bid Game, 4Major . Opener bids Pass .
	13+	L5+Major	3Major , forcing to some Game. Opener bids 4Major with L3+Major support. Opener bids 3NT with L2-Major.
		<i>L6+Major</i>	After the above, Responder may rebid to show Slam interest using Cue bids et al.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (5)

Your partner has opened 1NT. When do you respond with Stayman?

Many hands respond with the **Stayman** convention, a bid of 2C after an opening 1NT, which promises 1+L4Major (not L4+Major) seeking a Major suit fit and **normally** a Game enquiring hand. Opener rebids:

2D with no L4+Major

2H with L4+H, says nothing about S

2S with L4+S and L3-H

Opener has 4333, 4432 or 5332 shape. If 4432 with both L4H & L4S, answer 2H to the Stayman enquiry.

A Game enquiring hand has 11+Pts (joint 23+..25+), enough for 2NT. With 13+Pts (joint 25+..27+), it is enough to bid a Game.

Stayman helps answer two questions:

- No Trumps or Major suit
- Part Score or Game

This presentation is not covering situations where Responder has a strong hand with slam interest.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (6)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with Stayman?

2C (1+L4Major) asks: 2D (no L4+Major), 2H (L4+H), 2S (L4+S, L3-H).

If you do **find** a fit, bid on in the Major suit:

11..12 **3Major** Invites Opener to bid **4Major** with 14Pts.

13+ **4Major** (Game)

Examples:

1NT! 2C (11..12Pts) 2S 3S (fit) Pass (12Pts)

1NT! 2C (11..12Pts) 2S 3S (fit) 4S (14Pts)

1NT! 2C (13+Pts) 2S #4S (fit)

Opener's weak 1NT range is 12..14Pts. With 13hcp, the hand must be evaluated as either a "poor 13" (treat as 12Pts) or a "good 13" (treat as 14Pts).



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (7)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with Stayman?

2C (1+L4Major) asks: 2D (no L4+Major), 2H (L4+H), 2S (L4+S, L3-H).

If you **fail** to find a fit, revert to NT at an appropriate level:

11..12	2NT	Invites Opener to bid 3NT (Game) with 14Pts.
13+	#3NT	Game.

Examples:

1NT!	2C (11..12Pts)	2S	2NT (no fit)	Pass (12Pts)
1NT!	2C (11..12Pts)	2D (no fit)	2NT	Pass (12Pts)
1NT!	2C (11..12Pts)	2S	2NT (no fit)	3NT (14Pts)
1NT!	2C (11..12Pts)	2D (no fit)	2NT	3NT (14Pts)
1NT!	2C (13+Pts)	2S	#3NT (no fit)	
1NT!	2C (13+Pts)	2D (no fit)	#3NT	

If Opener has L4H **and** L4S (4432 shape), he starts with 2H and should Responder say "no fit" (2NT/3NT) knows Responder must have L4S.

Then Opener converts to 3S/4S.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (8)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you respond with Stayman?

2C (1+L4Major) asks: 2D (no L4+Major), 2H (L4+H), 2S (L4+S, L3-H).

Do not use Stayman with a 4333 shape with a L4Major. *Both hands are balanced, there will be little opportunity to ruff. Just bid NT at the relevant level.*

Stayman can also be used after a 1NT overcall (Stayman is 2C) or an opening 2NT (Stayman is 3C asking 3D,3H,3S) with all the point values modified to account for the different levels shown by a 1NT overcall or an opening 2NT.



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (9)

Your partner has opened 1NT. How do you use Weak Stayman?

2C (1+L4Major) asks: 2D (no L4+Major), 2H (L4+H), 2S (L4+S, L3-H).

There are some specific shape hands where Stayman can be useful if Responder is weak (0..10Pts). All 3 responses must be manageable.

- L4S L4H L5D Prefer 2S or 2H to 1NT if a fit.
If no fit (2D), play in 2D Weak Take Out.
- L5S L4H / L4S L5H Pass or 2S/2H. (Prefer 2S or 2H to 1NT if a fit.
If no fit (2D) convert to 2(L5Major) as WTO.)
Opener MUST then Pass.

1NT! 2C (0..10Pts, L5SL4H) 2D 2H (WTO) Pass

- L6+C Responder wants to play in clubs as a Weak Take Out, but 2C is Stayman.
So go "through Stayman" and then bid 3C afterwards as the WTO.

1NT! 2C (0..10Pts, L6+C) 2D/2H/2S 3C (WTO)



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Week 5 Response to an opening weak 1NT (10)

Your partner has opened 1NT. Review.

Pass	Weak with no WTO option
2C	Stayman & Weak Stayman
2D / 2H / 2S	Weak Take Out
2NT	Balanced or L5+Minor Invite (Pass or 3NT)
3C / 3D	<i>Not mentioned above</i>
3H / 3S	Game force L5+Major (3NT or 4Major)
3NT	Balanced or L5+Minor Game
4C / 4D	<i>Not mentioned above</i>
4H / 4S	Game in L6+Major
4NT	Quantitative Slam enquiry, choose 4NT or 6NT.
5NT	Choose 6NT or 7NT OR Force 6NT
6NT	Play 6NT (Pass) OR Choose 6NT or 7NT
7NT	Play 7NT (Pass)



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Week 5 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)

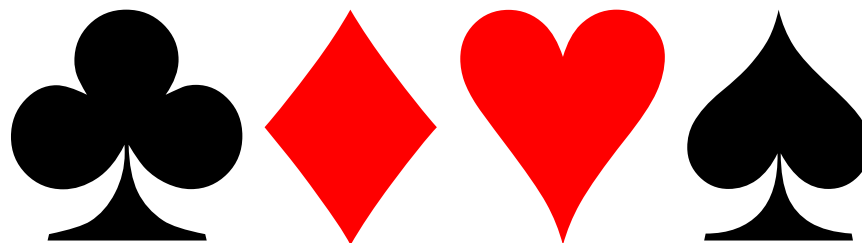
PLAY



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Week 5



The end

Week 5 set hand
references follow.



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Week 5 Set hands

Set hand sources

BM:BSA Bernard Maggie: "Big Seminar" ~ Set Hand

AR:S&T Andrew Robson: Stayman and Transfers

BM:PQ Bernard Magee: Play Quiz

BMOS Bernard Magee: Online (free, covid,) Seminar

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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 5 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source							Rotn
16	W	EW	BSA018_SH#7							A♠=W
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%		
1	9	6NT-1	W	9H 11	100	-	100	0		
2	10	3NT+2	W	9H 11	-	660	50	50		
Ref		6NT=	W	QH 9	-	1440	0	100		

We need a session on Opening leads.

From a holding of H:QJT94, QH is the standard lead against NT.

I suspect pairs 1&2 were leading 4th highest rather than bottom of sequence, but **with an honour headed sequence of 3+ against NT, lead the top of the sequence.**

Pair 9 went down by failing to duck early and ended up without an entry.

Pair 10 didn't know they had a 33 point fit, so stopped in 3NT.



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Week 5 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
1	N	None	AR:S&T#S2	A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
1 9	3NT-2	N	5C	7	-	100	0	100
Ref	3NT=	N	5C	9	400	-	100	0



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Week 5 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
2	E	NS	BM:PQ0002	A♠=E

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	3NT=	E	4S	9	-	400	0	100
Ref A	2NT=	E	10H	8	-	120	100	0
Ref B	2NT+1	E	4S	9	-	150	50	50

{W} has 12 hcp and a 4333 shape so evaluates as 11Pts.

In response to a 1NT! Opening, should bid 2NT invitational.

{E} has 12 hcp with a good L5C suit, so it could be 13Pts. However "we never have 13 Pts", so call it 12Pts. Game should not be bid.

As RefA shows, **if** {S} manages to find a 10H opening lead, {EW} can then be held down to only 8 tricks.



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Week 5 Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn
3	S	EW	BM:PQ0082	A♠=N

NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	3NT+2	S	7C	11	460	-	100	0
Ref	4S=	N	JD	10	420	-	0	100

Unsure how table 2 ended up in 3NT.



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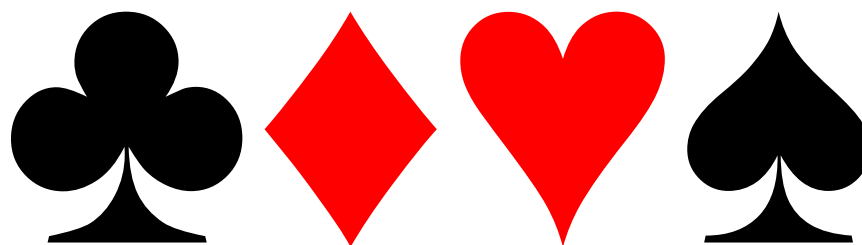
#	Dir	Vul	Source	Rotn				
4	W	All	BMOS~014#5	A♠=E				
NSEW	Contract	Dcl	OL	Trk	NS#	EW#	NS%	EW%
2 10	3NT-1	W	10C	8	100	-	100	0
Ref	3NT=	W	KC	9	-	600	0	100



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The very end