



# U3A Intermediate Bridge 2023-24



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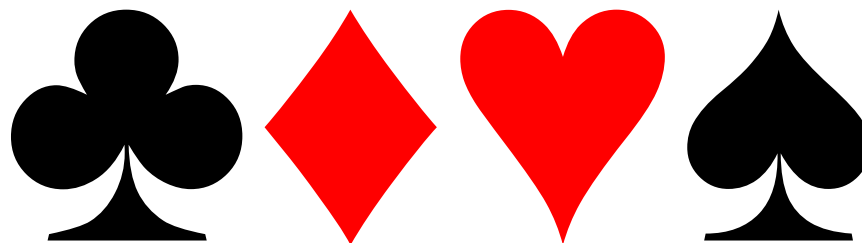
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Week 11 Welcome



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*The answer to this question is covered in this week's topic.*

Describe the hand:

6331	L6H
7hcp	9Pts (+2 L6H)

*(The S suit is weak and short, so +0 for h10S)*

fav

{NS} non-vul, {EW} vul)



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The obvious response is to show the L6H:AKxxxx.

However you need 10Pts to respond at the 2-level. So that is not an available bid.

That leaves just two choices:

1NT	The rubbish bin bid. 6..9Pts any shape
2S	Weak support with only L3S, 6..9Pts

Here, the most helpful response is 2S.



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## Week 11 Responding to 1-level Openings

Two sessions ago we looked at [opening](#) the bidding with an unbalanced hand. This list is a summary.

The points here are a mixture of High Card Points "hcp", evaluated points "Pts" or even Playing Tricks "PT", as specified:

- Pass 0..11Pts unless a Pre-emptive shape
- 1C 12..19..22Pts L4+C
- 1DHS 12..19Pts L4+DHS
- 2C 10+PT (or balanced 23+Pts)
- 2DHS 8..9½PT (typically 20..22Pts)
- 3CDHS 5..9hcp, L7CDHS. (Pre-emptive).
- 3NT L7Minor headed by AKQJ. Gambling 3NT. (Pre-emptive).
- 4CDHS 5..9hcp, L8+CDHS. (Pre-emptive).  
*Occasionally with L9+ it can be right to open at 5-level.*



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Assuming that the opposition do not bid - *we will get to competitive auctions at some future session*, this time we are looking at what responder does in answer to a **1Suit** opening and what happens after that.

Opener's **1Suit** shows 12..19Pts and L4+Suit.

As always, responder must evaluate his hand using the techniques discussed in previous weeks. When he has a fit, he can **add** points for shortages that have value "if he can ruff tricks played in that suit".

The main objective, as a partnership, is to find a major suit fit+contract. If that isn't available then find a NT contract, Least preferred is a minor suit fit+contract.

Part scores are "ok". **24-Pts jointly.**

Game is good, but hard work and risky in a minor suit. **27+Pts jointly**  
**25+Pts joints for major and NT.**

Once in slam territory: major, NT and minor are more similar.

There is more to it than **just** Pts, except **33+ for 6NT, 37+ for 7NT.**



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### List of responses to a 1-level suit opening:

	OSuit : Opener's first bid Suit	If direct support, a major.
0..5Pts	Pass	No Game, even if 19 Pts.
6..9Pts, L4+OSuit	2OSuit	If the <b>only</b> alternative is 1NT, L3+OSuit is acceptable if it is not both 4333 shape & a weak OSuit.
10..12Pts, L4+Osuit	3OSuit	
0..9hcp, 13+Pts, L4+OSuit	4OSuit	Weak but shapely.
10..15hcp, 13..15Pts, L4+OSuit		Bid a new suit (forcing). A good hand.
6+Pts		Can bid a new suit (forcing) at 1-level.
10+Pts		Can bid at 2-level, L5+Major or L4+Minor if no 1-level bid is available. Bid 1~L4Major rather than 2~L5Minor. Try Rule of 14.
16+Pts	Jump	to a new suit (Game forcing), a "Jump shift". Shows SLAM interest. Must be good L6+NewSuit or good L5+NewSuit with L4+OSuit.

*continued...*



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### List of responses to a 1-level suit opening: *...continued.*

6-9Pts, nothing better	1NT	Rubbish bid, any shape. (If the opposition have bid, must have a stopper.)
10..12Pts, balanced	2NT	This bid will be retired in a while.
13..15Pts, balanced	3NT	This bid will be retired in a while.

As discussed previously, if the bidding goes:

1Suit (P)	1NewSuit (P)	1NT shows 15..17, bal/L5+minor.
1Suit (P)	1NewSuit (P)	2NT shows 18..19, bal/L5+minor.
1Suit (P)	2NewSuit (P)	2NT shows 15..19, bal/L5+minor.
1Minor (P)	2SameMinor (P)	2NT shows 15..19, bal/L5+minor.

*These four all need to be either balanced shape or unbalanced with a long (L5+) minor.*

A fit in a major is generally played as such.





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### Things to note:

A change of suit by responder is forcing for 1 bid.

Common rebids by Opener are:

Rebid original suit	Shows L5 at 2-level, L6 at 3-level.
Bid a third suit	Shows L5 Original suit, L4 third suit.
Support responder's suit	Shows a fit, needs L4+RSuit.

If Opener opens **1S**, a response of **2H** is quite high, requiring Opener to bid even higher. So the 2H bid here promises **L5+H**.

Generally keep the bidding low to permit further "conversation".

An unnecessarily high bid usually says "this is the final contract, do not bid more. *The principle of fast arrival*. Eg:

1S (P) #4S      shows no interest in slam, just Game.



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Week 11 Responding to 1-level Openings

**Next Time:**

That is enough for this session.

Next time will start looking at Trump support, Delayed Game raises, Reverses etc.



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## Week 11 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)**

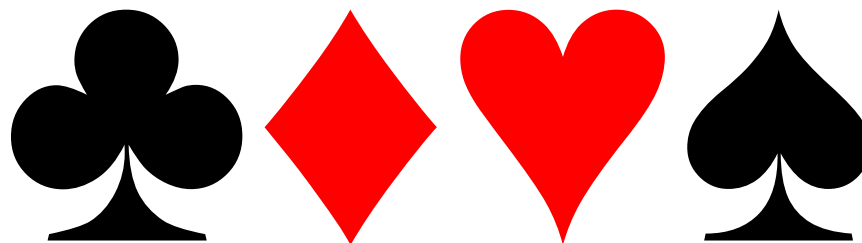
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The end

Week 11 set hand  
references follow.



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## Week 11 Set hands

### Set hand sources and abbreviations

BMOS	Bernard Magee's Online (Free) Seminars
BM:PQ	Bernard Magee's Play Quiz
EBU:REP2	English Bridge Union: Really Easy Practice 2
Dir	Dealer (NESW).
Vul	Vulnerability (None NS EW All).
Rotn	Rotation Defined by one card, usually A♠. Mostly different to source publication.
Dcl	Declarer (NESW)
OL	Opening Lead
Trk	Tricks (0..13)
NS# EW#	Score for NS or EW
NS% EW%	Percentage of NS and EW
Ref	Reference result (Sometimes there may be more than one)

Blue results as played.

Red results are reference results.



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<b>#</b>	<b>Dir</b>	<b>Vul</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rotn</b>
5	N	NS	BMOS~037#4 + {EW} Deal	A♠=N

<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	4H+1	N	8D 11	650	-	100%	0%
2	10	4H=	N	7C 10	620	-	25%	75%
Ref		4H=	N	QS 10	620	-	25%	75%

{W} S:AT97 H:J42 D:K52 C:T96      {E} S:QJ83 H:T8 D:984 C:A872

*We have the interesting situation here that two results report the "Reference result" and one table reports better for declarer. The reference is intended to be best play by all players. Therefore declarer's overtrick is presumably due to some non-ideal play by the defenders. There is no record of what happened.*



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<b>#</b>	<b>Dir</b>	<b>Vul</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rotn</b>
6	E	EW	BM:PQ#0145	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	3Sx-1	N	10D 8	-	100	0%	100%
2	10	3S+1	S	QD 10	170	-	100%	0%
Ref		3S=	S	7S 9	140	-	50%	50%

*3S by {N} seems most unlikely. I can only assume that the table managed to get the board 180° rotated.*



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7	S	All	EBU:REP2#S2H1					A♠=E

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1	9	1NT+2	W	5H 9	-	150	50%	50%
2	10	3S+1	E	KC 10	-	170	0%	100%
Ref		2S+1	E	3H 9	-	140	100%	0%

Both tables opened 1D with L4D and a 4333 hand.

Bernard Magee recommends deducting 1 point for 4333 hands as ruffing and length tricks don't work.

That would make the hand 14Pts and open a weak 1NT, which is what the Reference uses.

In this case the reference declarer got a bottom!

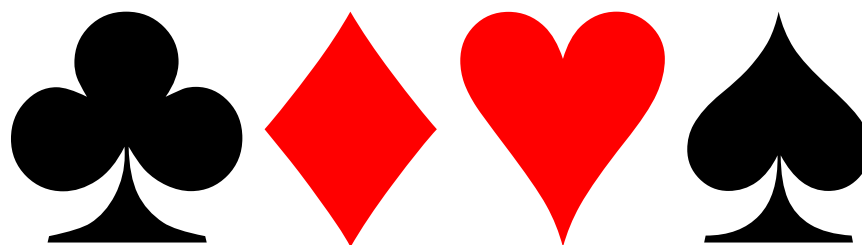




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