



Lesson 51 Teacher's Notes

Opener's Strong Rebid

Aims

- To revise opener's first rebid
- To develop the auction after opener rebids in no-trump
- To develop the auction after other strong rebids – new suits jumps and reverses
- To emphasise that you should not strain to jump to show strength – finding a fit is more important

Content

- 1) Revise opener's rebid in order of preference:
 - a) Raise partner's major with 4-card support
 - b) Rebid NT with a balanced hand
 - c) Rebid a new suit with an unbalanced hand
 - d) Rebid your own suit

- 2) Develop further bidding after NT rebids:
 - weak takeouts after 1NT
 - jump new suits forcing
 - the game-forcing 2NT rebid

- 3) Revise reverses (See Lesson 41)
Jumps in new suits are forcing to game, so emphasise that these are very strong bids.

- 4) Revise rebids in your own suit.
These promise 6-card suits with two exceptions:
 - a) You chose to open a 5-3-3-2 hand in your 12-14 no-trump range with one of a major because you have a very good major and little outside. If partner bids a new suit you cannot rebid 1NT showing 15-17, you can only rebid your major.
 - b) Your second suit is higher-ranking than your first and partner has by-passed it, so that bidding it would be a **reverse**. With an unbalanced 12-14 you are not strong enough to reverse, so you may have to rebid your 4-card suit.
You need a good excuse to rebid a 5-card suit!

- 5) Explain the differences when responder makes a 2-over-1.
Now 2NT, a reverse and a jump rebid, all the bids that show extra values, are forcing to game
After a 1-over-1 1NT and a jump rebid are not forcing, and a reverse is forcing for 1 round only