

# Monday July 2024

Thanks to Dawn I can do a great review Monday's lesson. Here are the topics we covered this Monday...

**OPENING strong 2C...** this is a **forcing bid** that responder cannot pass... it says partner if you have 1 trick I think we may have a game...This bid is Not forcing to game... but it is forcing to 2NT or 3 of a major or 4 of a minor. Responder must keep the bidding open till it reaches one of those levels...

Responder's best bid is a "positive waiting bid" of 2D...showing an A or K or 2 Q...(3 or more pts)...Without a "positive" count...Responder should bid 2 H...(showing a "BUST") which says...I will not bid again...so opener will then evaluate their hand and place the contract...

**NEGATIVE DOUBLE S...**A take-out X by responder promising at least 4 cards in the unbid suits...

**A DIRECT SEAT X OF 1NT...** this is actually a penalty double it says "I have the same hand you do and I don't think you can make it!" (unless my partner doesn't have 7 HCP...) if your partner makes that double and you do not have at least seven points you must make a bid doesn't matter what it is just make it!

**WEAK JUMP SHIFT BY THE RESPONDER...**this bid is a great example of the modern day bidding strategy which says the stronger we are the slower we go. Your partner opens the bidding 1 D and you have 6 S headed by the Q...you do not have enough points to bid one spade... but you can bid 2 spades.. This is **A STOP BID.....** the opener should never- ever- ever- ever bid again. Yes there is a chance you may go down but if partner did not open the bidding with two clubs showing a big hand the opponents have a lot more points than you and your partner do... they probably have a game and you have put a great roadblock in their way!

**REBIDS BY THE RESPONDER...**the responders has 2 jobs...1. What suit should we be in and 2.How high should we go?? What level and what strain! If your partner has opened a suit and you only have 6 to 10 points you make a minimum bid...After partner bids again.. You need to ask yourself 3 questions..

1. Was my partners bid forcing?
2. Do I have more I need to say?
3. Can I improve the contract?

**WEAK 2 RESPONSES,,,,,** When opener makes a pre-emptive opening bid... a Weak 2 or a 3 level...they may not bid again! (Unless **FORCED** by Responder...)

Remember R..O..N..F a raise is the only non-forcing bid Responder can make!! **ANY NEW SUIT OR 2 NT IS FORCING!** (2NT asks for a "feature")

## **A BRIEF REVIEW OF WHICH SUIT TO OPEN AND WHY...**

1. 1NT is always your 1st choice ...do not cheat up or down...15-16-17 (not 14 not 18!) As beginners always a balanced hand later that may change?
2. We are playing FIVE CARD MAJORS...so bid your longest...if equal length...bid the higher ranking...if given time... re-bid the 2nd suit..
3. Bid a minor... choose the longest, not the strongest... If equal length.. 4-4 or more... bid higher ranking...But with 3-3 bid the Clubs... better for pard!