

WHAT IS MY JOB?

OPENER... My only job is to describe my hand...if Pard makes a forcing bid...(i.e he bids a new suit,,,) I must look to see if there is any bid I can make to clarify my opening bid...Do I have extra cards in my opening bid suit or do I have extra pts I didn't show with my opening bid...

RESPONDER... My main job is to decide what strain our contract should be and how high we need to go.

If I hold a minimum hand...6-10 in a suit auction or 0-7 in a NT auction...I must be very careful not to bid anything that shows more values than those I hold...i.e. If Pard opens a major...I cannot bid a minor since that bid would need to be at the 2 level...(which promises 10+ pts). Responder may be forced to bid 1NT with a minimum hand even with 6 or 7 cards in a minor suit...maybe even a void!! The bid of 1 NT by the responder very well might be a "GARBAGE NT"...which says...Pard...I cannot raise your suit...I cannot bid a new suit...but I have 6 pts so I am forced to "PEEP"!

OVERCALLER... If your right hand opponent opens the bidding...and you hold 6-16 pts free to show your best suit to your partner...IF IT IS A 5 CARD SUIT...(Holding AQXXX of Spades you want a spade lead right? If you don't bid them Pard will never know to lead them.) Yes, you are opening the bidding for your side...but you DO NOT NEED AN OPENING HAND...just a good suit!

ADVANCER... If you pard has made an Overcall...treat that bid as if they really have a true opening hand... 12 + hcp. And answer them accordingly just 2 or 3 openers 1 S and you have 3 H and 10 pts...push the bidding to 3 H!! if you have xxxx in H and 9 pts you might even bid 4 H...Yes, you might be too high but if Pard only had 7 pts...AKxxx ...and you have 8/9/10 pts...your side has 15 -t 17 and the opponents may will have 25 and a fit in Spades... Better to go down a few than to give them a game!!

THIS IS A WAR and whoever fires the first shot usually wins!

PRE-EMPTIVE BIDDING STRATEGY... When your partner opens (or overcalls) a WEAK 2/3...the weaker your hand the more important it is for you to further the Pre-empt!! Pard may only have 5 pts...so add your pts and then subtract that from 40 and you may discover that the opponents have GAME...so DON'T let them find it...BLOCK them...disrupt their auction...make them find it the hard way...

STRONG 2C GUIDELINES... When Pard opens 2 C...you know they have a great hand...it is either 22 HCP+ or a hand where they only need 1 trick from you to make game. If they do have the 22+HCP hand they will rebid some number of NT after you bid 2 D or 2 H... then you may use transfers and or Stayman...

***Unless you have an extremely great suit...(5/6 cards with 2/3 Honors... DO NOT BID YOUR SUIT...

Just bid 2 D "WAITING" with an A/K or Q/Q...any other hand bid 2 H "BUST"...and opener will place the contract. When you bid 2 H...you promise to never bid again!

Make good use of your convention card...use it to review your bidding and make sure you are comfortable with the location of the bids that you are making...

i.e. Quick...without looking...tell me...Where is the section that deals with overcalls located? Where is the section that helps me review weak 2's? How about Take-out X's and Negative X's...?