

Monday October 2024

If you pick up your hand and it is ... 4433 or 3334 or 3352..... You are looking at a **NT** hand...it either has less than a standard 1 NT bid...(15-16-17 HCP) or it has more maybe even as much as 25HCP!!...but it is still a NT hand.

If you are dealt a balanced hand with 23 HCP...the only way you can describe this to your partner is to open the bidding with two clubs. This is a forcing bid and partner must keep the bidding going until you reach the three level in a major suit the four level in a minor suit or at least 2NT I strongly recommend that you and your partner discuss this and make an agreement that anytime you open the bidding 2 clubs partner will answer 2 diamonds which basically says I'm waiting to hear you finish the description of your strong hand partner. You will then bid some number of **NT**...with 22/23...bid 2NT.....with 24/25 bid 3 NT...

This 2 club/2 diamond response very well with unbalanced hands also... MORE ON THAT LATER!!!

12-14	OPEN 1 OF A SUIT	If no fit with pard your re-bid is 1 NT
15-16-17	OPEN 1 NT	Follow pard's orders!
18-19 20-21	OPEN 1 OF A SUIT	If no fit with pard... JUMP in NT...this must be a jump bid!
22-23	OPEN 2 NT	Follow pard's orders
24-25	OPEN 2 CLUBS	Re-bid 2NT
	OPEN 2 CLUBS	Re-bid 3NT

When you are lucky enough to have a regular partner or enough time to chat with your partner before the game should always decide if you're playing STANDARD AMERICAN responses to NT openers... or if you're going to use STAYMAN AND JACOBY TRANSFER SYSTEMS.

RESPONDER OPTIONS WITH 0 points.....(Find a SAFE place to play if possible!)

If you choose to play **STANDARD AMERICAN**...with 0-7 pts ...responder knows there is no chance for game...but when the responder has a 5 card major even with only 0-7 pts...they will bid their 5 card suit at the two level to say "STOP!!"partner this is a safe
Opener must pass!!

JACOBY TRANSFERS are ON!!! With 0-7 pts...When you and your partner have decided to play transfers.... when responder has a 5 card major they will bid the suit directly beneath their major requiring the opening no trump bidder to bid the next higher suit. So after one no trump if you're playing transfers and you hear your partner say 2 diamonds that means you must bid 2 hearts and if they bid 2 hearts you must bid 2 spades even if you don't wanna do it you gotta do it! This may be the suit you only have xx but it is very necessary to follow pard's orders! (they could have 6/7 and 0 pts!!) TRUST YOUR PARD!!

RESPONDER OPTIONS WITH 8-9 points...Responder will either bid 2 NT...or use..."Stayman" **STAYMAN**...Requires at least 8 pts and a 4 card major...since there is a chance for game...responder will use the STAYMAN convention to try to locate a 4-4-majorsuit fit!...A bid of 2 C says..."I have a 4 card major...Do you? An answer of either major is positive... a response of 2 D says NO!..

When responder hears 2 D...they then show their pts by bidding "QUANTITATIVELY".. either 2 NT...with just 8/9.... OR 3 NT with 10pts

RESPONDER OPTIONS WITH 10 points...With 10 Pts...Responder must get the partnership to a GAME!!

With a 4 or a 5 card major use the above options...without either...just bid the game 3 NT!

If you are lucky enough to be dealt a 4 AND a 5 card major the responder...Start by using "Stayman"... If pard bids 2 D...then "TRANSFER" pard to your major and rebid quantitatively...If you actually had a 6 card Major...rebid your suit at the 3 level with only 8-9 pts and bid GAME with 10 pts!