

I hope that some of the important facts you all took home from today's lesson were...

1. The Responder is in control of the hand...
2. The opening NT bidder **can NOT** do anything other than what the responder tells them to do...
3. Responder's first thought should be ..."Is there a chance for a game??"
4. 2nd thought is ...Major or NT? Responder checks out if they have 4 OR 5 cards in a Major...
5. The STAYMAN 2 Club bid is a "CONVENTION"...that says..."(I have a 4 card major...DO you?)" This requires 8 pts...
6. Transfers require 0 pts but need 5 cards...the responder bids the suit directly below the one they hold asking opener to bid the next higher suit... After 1 NT- a bid of 2 D...requires opener to bid H...a bid of 2 H asks for S!

7. All Stayman and Transfer bids are 2-part bids...

The first bid ...2C -Stayman or 2H...transfer show responder's distribution

...Stayman shows a 4 card Major... 2 H...shows 5 Spades...

After opener answers the question or finishes the requested transfer...**Responder will then show their pts.**

Listen to this sequence and tell me how many pts responder shows...???

1NT

2D

1NT 2C

1NT 2H

2H

3NT

2D 2NT

2S PASS

GAME 10+

almost game 8/9

no game just a safer place to play 0-7

If you have 3 H...the game belongs in H
disobey...Responder made the decision!!!

If you have 17 pts go ahead and bid GAME

This is the beauty of transfers opener has no chance to

Anytime the opponents get in the way...ALL CONVENTIONS ARE OFF!!! Never bid a convention after an intervening bid...revert back to STANDARD AMERICAN...a 2 bid is STOP...a 3 bid is FORCING...



0-7

8-9... Try to envision the stop sign when you are making a decision

10+ about how high to go...

Transfers are better than STD Amer because...

1. the strong hand stays hidden...
2. The opening lead comes UP TO the strong hand..

Just remember when you are the NT bidder and end up playing the hand in the major which the responder has...The responder's hand now becomes the MASTER HAND...so when you are counting losers...do it from the hand with the 5 trump!!

More on that next lesson...

OK here is something for extra credit...advanced bidding...
READY???

There is a very very special situation where responder can use "STAYMAN" without 8 pts.

Anytime responder has 4 H...4 S...and 4 D... they can bid Stayman! Even with 0 pts
The opener will either bid H or S... if they have XXXX in either major...or
or...they will bid 2 D.. saying "NO" I don't have either major...
If they don't have the majors...they will have at least 3 -4 D...
more than 75% of the time...