

Today was a great lesson...even though we did get off the track a bit and tackled a few more advanced problems...I hope we didn't discourage you DuWayne!

My hope was to concentrate on NT today...we actually did cover most of what you'll ever need to know..

Standard Amer 2 level bid (except 2 C)...requires Pard to PASS!! Promises 5 cards or more 0-7pts

3 level bid is forcing and shows 10 pts...(yes count length and HCP too)

2NT=8/9....(yes count length and HCP too)

3NT=10+ .(yes count length and HCP too)

4NT=shows opening NT hand...(HCP only). "If I were the dealer I would have opened 1 NT"

Today's up to date bidding allows us to add great tools.. Stayman and Jacoby Transfers..(see attached handouts)

We discussed what to do if there is interference in your NT auction...In most situations we revert to "Standard" unless we have a partnership agreement to do otherwise...When we have filled out a convention card with a partner...we usually agree that all systems are "ON" over 2 C or a X... also if you had planned to make a transfer to H and the interference is 2 D...you could agree that a "DOUBLE" now says.. 'Hey...they stole my bid!! and if the interference is 2 H...you can X to say...they stole my bid...I have 5 Spades!!

**If there is not an agreement.. 2level bid is STOP and 3 level bid shows 10 pts**

If your partner opens 1 NT and the opponent says "DOUBLE." ....It says..."If I were the dealer I would have opened 1 NT"....that is the only way the opponent can describe their hand... To use only 15 words and yet be able to bid 4 zillion different hands requires a great deal of duplication in the bidding..

CONTEXT is EVERYTHING.. An opening bid of 2 C does **NOT** say I have a 4 card Major..! and bidding 2 C in response to an opening bid of 1 NT does **NOT** say I have 22+ pts...More to discuss on this SOON...

Once you open 1 NT you are not allowed to think...Only follow the directions given by Pard..

If your answer to 1 NT ...2C...is NO 4 card Major... **You must answer 2 D...you may not bid 2 NT...**

This just might be the MAGIC hand where Pard has 4S...4H...4D...and 1C and 0 points!!!

They fully intend to PASS whatever your bid because it will be a much safer place to play..

**Should you forget and bid 2 NT you will really be in deep doo doo!**

OK...your Pard just opened 1 NT and the opponents said X...

Can you transfer?... Yes...the double is invisible...(It didn;t change the level)

Can you use Stayman.? Yes...the double is invisible...(It didn;t change the level)

If you don't have a 4 or 5 card Major ...but you have 6D and 8 pts...Should you bid 2D..or 3D or 2 NT or 3 NT

Pard opens 1 S and you have XX...KQJXX...AX...XXXX.....

In olden days...we would always bid 2 H...makes good sense we have 5 H and 10 HCP...right?

But we are duplicate players...we want to score better than the rest of the field...so we need to be careful..

If we bid 2 Hand have agreed it is 100% FORCING to GAME... if Pard doesn't have 6 S...or 3 H...or a balanced hand...they may be forced to bid a minor suit...

With this hand....AKQJx.x...Qx...xxxxx 13 pts...pard bid can only be 3 C... Where is the game?

After Pard's 1 S...bid 2 D...it is still forcing...but not to game...if pard rebids 2H...there's your best game!

If Pard should rebids 2S you can invite the game by bidding 3 S...now that you found the 8 card fit...

RULE OF 15..4TH SEAT ONLY... Add HCP and # of S...if it is 15 or more...you can open the bidding...

If you have 5 cards in Pards suit...and **less** than opening hand... Jump right to game...but if you know there is a game...take it slow...there may be more than game..Stronger you are..Slower you go....

After 1 S by your LHO then 2 passes...you need to "BALANCE" for your Partner...they may have been

"trapped"...no 5 card suit to overcall and no distribution for a TO X... they may even hold Spades and bid NT