

# Practise your new suit responses and opener's limit rebids

NG34Bridge

<b>Hand: 1</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♦   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 7 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 6 2 ♣ J 7 5 4 3
<b>Hand: 2</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♣   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 4 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ K 8 7
<b>Hand: 3</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♠   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 8 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ A K Q 8 5 3 2 ♣ 6 3
<b>Hand: 4</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♥   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A K J 4 3 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ 6 3
<b>Hand: 5</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♠   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 10 2 ♥ A Q J 6 5 3 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ 8
<b>Hand: 6</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♠   Pass   ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 9 ♥ K 9 8 7 5 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ K 5 3 2
<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> Pass   1♠   Pass   1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 5 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ K Q 3 2 ♣ J 5 4
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> Pass   2♣   Pass   1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ 5 2

**Answer: 1♠**

We show our four card major. This bid of a new suit is a wide ranging bid, anything from 6 to 17+HCP.

**Answer: 1♥**

We have 13 HCP (a strong responder hand) but our bid of a new suit is forcing. Partner must bid again. We can show our strength with our rebid.

**Answer: 2♦**

We satisfy the Rule of 14 (9 HCP + 7 hearts = 16) so can bid at the 2-level

**Answer: 1♠**

We have 14 HCP, a strong responder's hand. We have enough strength for game but in which contract? We bid spades at the lowest level to leave room to find the best resting place. 1♠ is a wide ranging bid showing anything from 6-17+ HCP. Partner must not pass a bid of a new suit. We can show our great strength on our next bid.

**Answer: 2♥**

We start with a forcing response at the lowest level. Although we only have 7 high card points the hand passes the 'Rule of 14' (7 HCP + 7 hearts= 14), so we can make a change of suit response at the 2 level.

**Answer: 1NT**

The Dustbin 1NT. All this bid shows is a hand with 6-9 points, any shape. Opener might have 19 points, and game might be possible. We must not pass with 6 points. This is the only natural No Trump bid that does not promise a balanced hand/

**Answer: 1NT**

We have a balanced hand. With 16 HCP we were too strong to open 1NT but we must now limit our hand and show our shape by rebidding 1NT (15-16 HCP balanced). Partner is now well placed to determine the best contract.

**Answer: 3NT**

Partner has not supported our hearts and his bid denies four spades so we now think about a No Trump contract. We have 17 HCP and partner has bid at the 2-level so has 19+ points. We have enough for game (25+) so we bid 3NT. We must not bid 2NT – partner might pass.

<b>Hand: 9</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> <div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♥</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>?</div> </div>	<b>South</b> ♠ K J ♥ A Q J 2 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ Q 5 2
<b>Hand: 10</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> <div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♣</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>?</div> </div>	<b>South</b> ♠ A Q 7 3 ♥ K 8 ♦ A 9 ♣ K 9 4 3 2
<b>Hand: 11</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> <div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♥</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>?</div> </div>	<b>South</b> ♠ 5 2 ♥ K J 9 7 6 3 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ A 4
<b>Hand: 12</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b> <b>West North East South</b> <div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>1♣</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>?</div> </div>	<b>South</b> ♠ 8 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ K 7 ♣ A K 8 7 6 5

### Answer: 2NT

With 15-15 HCP we would have rebid 1NT, but with 17 HCP we must JUMP in No Trumps.

### Answer: 3♠

We have a fit in spades so we know this by bidding spades. This sets the contract as being in spades. The question is – at what level? With 12-15 points we would bid just 2♠, but with 16 pointys we need to show our 'intermediate' strength by JUMPING to 3♠.

### Answer: 2♥

With minimum opening points a rebid at the lowest level is correct. This repeating of our suit is a limit bid, promising 12-15 points, at least 5 hearts, and denies holding four spades.

### Answer: 2♣

We have an intermediate strength opener's hand and we have to rebid our clubs. With 16-18 HCP and a good 6 card suit we can bid 2♣. This repeat of our suit is a limit bid, denying a balanced hand and denying four spades