

Odds and Ends

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Suit Slams

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- 2) Controls Aces/ Kings
- 3) Blackwood convention: Ace-asking convention used when considering suit Slams

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5♣ zero (or four)

5♦ one

5♥ two

5♠ three

5NT= How many Kings

6♣ zero (or four)

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Some Hands

- ♠A874 ♥KT76 ♦Q6 ♣AJ8
- ♠874 ♥QT7 ♦Q6 ♣AJ876
- ♠A54 ♥A654 ♦Q6 ♣A976

Responding once opponents are in the auction

- When opponents are in the auction we adjust our bidding. Why?
 - We have less bidding room, since opponents have usurped a few levels with their action, and may well take more.
 - We have some new options, namely cue bids and doubles

Some new concepts

- Free bids
- Support with support
- Negative doubles
- Cue bids
- Preemptive support

Free bids

- When partner has opened and right-hand opponent has overcalled you are in the free-bid position.
- Your bid of a new suit in this position is called a free bid.
- What information do you want to convey?
- What means do you have to convey the information?

Priorities for Free Bids

- 1st priority: do you support partner's Major?
- 2nd priority: do you have invitational or better values (10+ HCP)?
- 3rd priority: do you have a Major suit of your own?
- 4th priority: do you have 4-card support for the unbid Major(s)?
- 5th priority: do you stop opponent's bid suit?
- 6th priority: do you have a source of tricks?

Bids of support in free bid position

- Support with support is your first obligation when partner has bid a Major.
- Non-invitational (preemptive) bids of support
 - 2M = fewer than 10 HCP, exactly 3 cards
 - 3M = fewer than 10 HCP, 4 or 5 cards
 - 4M = fewer than 10 HCP, 5 cards and a singleton or Ace (but probably not both)
- Invitational or better (counting dummy points)
⇒ Bid opponent's suit. (Cue bid)

What is your call?

1.

♠ A Q 8
♥ 9 7 6
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ 8 3 2

2.

♠ 10 9 7 5
♦ A
♥ K Q 7 4
♣ J 10 8 2

N	E	S	W
1♠	2♣	?	

3.

♠ Q 3 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 9 7 2

4.

♠ Q J 4
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ A K J 3 2
♣ 9 6

5.

♠ 6 3
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ A J 8
♣ 10 7 3

Negative doubles

- Partner has opened. Right-hand opponent has overcalled. You have 4 cards in the unbid Major(s) and enough HCP to bid at the level of the auction.
- This action is essential to locating a 4-4 fit.
- Opener responds naturally, bidding the Major in question with 4 cards.

Non-supporting Free Bids

- A new suit by you promises values: 10+ HCP (for the 2-level) and a good suit
- A NT call promises stops in opponent's suit
 - 1NT: 6-10
 - 2NT: 11-12
 - 3NT: 13-15

What is your call?

1.

♠ A 8
♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ 8 3 2

2.

♠ Q
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ J 10 8 2

N	E	S	W
1♠	2♣	?	

3.

♠ Q 3
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ 9 7 2

4.

♠ Q J 4
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ A J 3

5.

♠ 6 3
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 10 7