

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB
Wednesday 26th November 2014

NO TRUMP BIDDING
STAYMAN
QUANTITATIVE RAISES

Revision

The opening bid of 1NT shows a **balanced hand**.

With a balanced hand responder will determine whether there is or may be sufficient combined strength for game or slam, and will raise direct to game/slam or **invite** opener to raise with a quantitative or invitational bid (2NT, 4NT, 5NT).

With an unbalanced hand responder will determine the suit and the best level for the contract.

♠ K J 10 9 7 6
♥ 4
♦ 8 6 4 2
♣ J 2

1NT	2♥	or	1NT	2♠
2♠	P		PASS	

♠ K Q 10 9 7 6
♥ 4
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ K 2

1NT	2♥	or	1NT	4♠
2♠	4♠			

STAYMAN

The way to locate a 4-4 fit in a major suit is to introduce an artificial/conventional response of 2♣ to the opening 1NT.

This says "Do you have a 4-card major suit?"

For us, bidding 2♣ always promises at least one four card major if the hand is invitational to game or better.

To bid Stayman responder *generally* needs 11+points; but there are weaker hands for which Stayman can be used.