

DRURY IN ACTION

AS DEALER OR 2ND SEAT, YOU PASS & PARTNER'S IN 3RD OR 4TH CHAIR AND OPENS ONE OF A MAJOR: ANYTIME YOU HAVE A LIMIT RAISE IN PARTNER'S MAJOR, BID 2 CLUBS. (THIS IS DRURY) IT'S AN ALERT.

DRURY WAS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE 2 PROBLEMS THAT ARISE WHEN A PASSED-HAND BIDDER RESPONDS TO HIS PARTNER'S THIRD-OR-FOURTH SEAT OPENING BID OF ONE OF A MAJOR.

- 1. RESPONDER CAN NO LONGER MAKE A TEMPORIZING BID SINCE A SIMPLE CHANGE OF A SUIT IS NO LONGER FORCING.**
- 2. A JUMP RESPONSE COULD EASILY GET THE PARTNERSHIP TOO HIGH.**

**IF YOU NEVER OPEN LIGHT IN A MAJOR, YOU DON'T NEED DRURY. BUT CONSIDER A HAND LIKE THIS: KQJ107 A2 9763 98
TWO PASSES TO YOU, PLAYING DRURY, OPEN 1 SPADE, REBID 2 SPADES WHEN PARTNER BIDS 2 CLUBS, DRURY.**

I LIKE TO PLAY THAT 2 CLUBS IS ALWAYS DRURY, EVEN IF THE OPPONENTS BID A SUIT, OR DOUBLE. PLAY IT OFF IF THEY OPPONENTS OVERCALL 1 NT.

**OPENER REBIDS HIS SUIT OVER 2 CLUBS – DENIES A FULL OPENING HAND
OPENER REBIDS 2 DIAMONDS, OPENING HAND THAT WOULDN'T ACCEPT L.R.
OPENER REBIDS 4 OF THIS SUIT, GOES TO GAME OPPOSITE A LIMIT RAISE.**

WHEN RESPONDING TO 3RD AND 4TH SEAT MAJOR SUIT OPENINGS:

- 1. SHOW SOME KIND OF RAISE FOR PARTNER'S MAJOR SUIT OPENING IF YOU HAVE IT. JUST RAISE OR USE REVERSE DRURY.**
- 2. IF USING DRURY, A JUMP IN PARTNER'S MAJOR SUIT IS PRE-EMPTIVE.**

DECIDING WHEN TO OPEN IN 3RD AND 4TH SEAT, SPADE SUIT IS IMPORTANT. MY SUGGESTION; OPEN LIGHT (9-11 H.C.P.) IF YOU HOLD A DECENT SPADE SUIT OR A DECENT HEART SUIT WITH A TOLERANCE FOR SPADES. PASS ANY HAND THAT'S SHORT IN THE MAJORS AS WELL AS LIGHT IN VALUES.

DRURY HANDS

TWO PASSES AND PARTNER OPENS 1 HEART, RIGHT HAND BIDS 1 SPADE

1. YOU HOLD: A83 QJ3 K10873 63 WHAT DO YOU BID?
2. YOU HOLD: 83 J1065 63 AJ763 WHAT DO YOU BID?
3. YOU HOLD: KQJ J764 Q98 AJ3 WHAT DO YOU BID?
4. YOU HOLD: KQJ3 J103 K762 83 WHAT DO YOU BID?
5. YOU HOLD: 87632 AQ104 QJ8 10 WHAT DO YOU BID?

IF YOU BID 2 SPADES TO SHOW A L.R. IT COMMITS YOU TO THE THREE LEVEL. NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT DRURY LETS YOU PLAY SOME OF YOUR HANDS AT THE TWO LEVEL>

YOU OPEN IN 3RD SEAT, LEFT HAND OPPONENT PASSES, PARTNER 2 CLUBS WHICH IS ALERTABLE, WHAT'S YOUR REBID:

1. YOU HOLD: AK7643 10 KQJ7 84 WHAT'S YOUR REBID?
2. YOU HOLD: AKQ75 Q65 863 94 WHAT'S YOUR REBID?
3. YOU HOLD: AQ984 K5 Q109 AQ6 WHAT'S YOUR REBID?

CONSIDER ADDING THIS CONVENTION. IT COMES UP MORE OFTEN THAN BLACKWOOD. AS WITH MOST CONVENTIONS, YOU GIVE UP SOMETHING. HERE YOU HAVE NO NATURAL 2 CLUB RESPONSE AS A PASSED HAND. WITH A CLUB SUIT, BID 1 NT OR 2 NT. I THINK DRURY IS WORTH THE TRADE.