REBIDS BY OPENER

As opener, your 2nd bid is an important part of describing your hand to partner. The first step
In choosing a rebid is identifying whether your hand is balanced or unbalanced.

Example: J   A8754   K543   Aj3, you open 1 Heart, partner bids 1 spade, your rebid is
                       2 diamonds, non- forcing and unbalanced. A 1 NT rebid
                       would be 12-14 H.C.P. balanced.

Your rebid tells partner exactly what sort of opener you have, minimum, strong, long suit,
            2 suited, support for partner's response. With a minimum, limit your hand
             promptly.

Always plan a second bid before you choose the first.

1 Diamond by you, 1 Heart or 1 Spade by partner, 2 NT by you (rebid) shows 18-19 balanced.

1 Hearts or 1 Spade by you, 2 hearts or 2 spades by partner, a new suit by you (rebid) is a
Help Suit Game Try.

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                              AQJ4     DEALER – 1 SPADE
                              62                1 NT
                              AJ3               3 NT
                              Q864

K9763                                                      105     PASS
Q974     PASS                                             A83     PASS
Q105     PASS                                             K9842
5                                                         J103

                              82
                              KJ105    1 HEART
                              76        3 CLUBS
                              AK972
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Rebid was 1 NT, 3 clubs, Limit raise in clubs with 4 hearts, bid game with 14 HCP.
5 of diamonds lead, you're declarer, plan your play.

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The essence of bridge is judgment and taking tricks. Many times, new players try to
"play hockey before they learn to skate."

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                    754    PASS
                    A432   PASS
                    J6
                    A987


A32                                          KQJ1086
KQJ65   DEALER – 1 HEART                      9        1 SPADE
A95              1 NT                          K103     Your Bid?
32                                            J65


                    9
                    1087   PASS
                    Q8742  PASS
                    KQ104
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You open 1 Heart, rebid 1 NT over 1 spade, balanced, not 2 suiter, not 6 hearts,
What's your rebid as responder?

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                    106    1 HEART
                    QJ1094 2 HEARTS
                    J63
                    KJ3

K932                                          QJ74
82      PASS                                   A53    PASS
A1054   PASS                                   K97    PASS
Q82                                            954


                    A85
                    K76    DEALER – 1 CLUB
                    Q82              1 NT
                    A1076            PASS
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The 1 NT rebid is remarkably descriptive, showing all of the following:
   a. A minimum opener (12-14 HCP)
   b. A balanced hand (no singletons)
   c. No 4 card heart support (raise to 2 hearts with 4 hearts)
   d. No 4 card spade suit (must bid 1 spade with 4 of them)

South should pass 2 hearts because North could have jumped, bid a new suit, (or used New Minor Forcing) with any stronger hand. 2 Hearts makes 8 tricks, 1NT could well make 7 tricks.