



PREPARATION (Face to Face)

- ♣ Teaching and Playing Area
- ♣ Binders; A5 Pockets; Event Record; Register
- ♣ Copies of timetable; notes; quiz
- ♣ Pre-Dealt Boards

THE LESSON

Recap

- Meaning of 1NT Opening
- Implications of a Limit Bid - Responder is in Charge
- Responding with balanced hands
- Responding with weak unbalanced hands
- Responding with strong unbalanced hands
- Prior to this lesson they have been taught to respond with balanced hands containing one or two four card majors by passing or raising in No Trumps.
- In the materials for this lesson there is a short quiz, intended for use in class, to remind them of the key points.

Last Lesson Homework Answers

New Material

Must Do

- Two balanced hands sometimes each have the same four card major and play better in that major suit than they do in No Trumps
- Partners agree to give up the 2♣ response as a weak take out; instead it is a query asking opener for four card majors. It is used when responder is holding:
 - With one or more four card majors AND At least 11 HCP
- Opener must answer the question as follows:
 - No four-card major, bid 2♦
 - Four Spades, but NOT Four Hearts, bid 2♠



- Four Hearts, with or without Four Spades, bid 2♥
- Opponents entitled to be informed by Announcement
- If eight-card fit in a major, has 13+ HCP, responder raises to game (4M)
- If eight-card fit in a major, has 11/12 HCP, responder raises to 3M (an invitational bid)
- If Responder fails to find an eight-card fit then, depending on the his holding he will:
 - Bid 3NT, with 13+ HCP, Bid 2NT, with 11/12 HCP.

When not to use Stayman

- When holding five of a major (except see below)
- When game cannot be on - i.e. with 10 HCP or less (except see below)
- When you cannot tolerate one of the responses, remember you may get 2♦, 2♥, or 2♠. Think through what you will do in each case.

Nice to Do

- ♣ Stayman normally game seeking but 5/4 in majors in weak responding hand also suitable.
- ♣ What to do if you must "Weak Take Out" into clubs

Don't get led into

- ♣ Squeezes, Safety Plays, End Plays

Break for Refreshments

Play Hands

- ♣ There are eight hands for play in the lesson.
- ♣ See Commentary for individual hand features.

Homework

- ♣ The quiz is intended for players to reconsider the topic in their own time.
- ♣ No Fear Bridge: Bidding Practice: Responding to 1NT: Start (Include Stayman Hands)