

# Cue Bids by Responder



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# Time for Some Jokes

**"I tried to warn my son about playing Russian roulette. It just went in one ear and out the other."**

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**Sid and Irv are business partners. They make a deal that whichever one dies first will contact the living one from the afterlife.**

**So Irv dies. Sid doesn't hear from him for about a year, figures there is no afterlife.**

**Then one day he gets a call. It's Irv. 'So, there is an afterlife! What's it like?' Sid asks.**

**'Well, I sleep very late. I get up, have a big breakfast. Then I have sex, lots of sex. Then I go back to sleep, but I get up for lunch, have a big lunch. Have some more sex, take a nap. Huge dinner. More sex. Go to sleep and wake up the next day.'**

**'Oh, my God,' says Sid. 'So that's what heaven is like?'**

**'Oh no,' says Irv. 'I'm not in heaven. I'm a bear in Yellowstone Park.'**

Sometimes you need a cue bid of the opponent's suit just to force and maybe ask partner for a stopper in the opponent's suit.

It's sometimes called a **Western Cue Bid**, but it's NOT a real convention and NOT alertable.

# Western Cue Bid



WCB – Partner, do you have a stopper in their suit?

1)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Pass	1H	1S
	3C	Pass	3S	

South ♠972 ♥AJ963 ♦K63 ♣J2

2)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Pass	1H	1S
	3C	Pass	3NT	

South ♠A72 ♥AJ963 ♦985 ♣Q2

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Pass	1H	1S
	3C	Pass	3S	

South ♠A8 ♥AKQ53 ♦K43 ♣J63

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	2D	2H	Pass
	3C	Pass	3D	

South ♠73 ♥AQJ72 ♦954 ♣AJ3

5)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	1H	2C	2S
	3D	Pass	3H	

South ♠96 ♥KJ5 ♦K2 ♣AQJ642

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	1H	2C	2S
	3D	Pass	3S	

South ♠KQ6 ♥53 ♦K2 ♣AQJ853

When opp's bid 2 suits, bid the one you have.

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If Pard bids 3NT, bid 4C (we're going to slam).

So 1S-2C-3S\* and 1S-Dbl-4S\* are WEAK responses (2-6 HCPs) with lots of spades.

# Direct Cue Bids By Responder

This case is NOT a WCB.



**WHEN PARTNER OPENS A MAJOR AND RHO BIDS A SUIT:**

Cue bidding RHO's suit shows 3+-card support and 11+HCPs.

**WHEN PARTNER OPENS A MINOR AND RHO BIDS A SUIT:**

Cue bidding RHO's suit shows 11+ HCPs and asks for stoppers for No Trump.

10+ with spade support

a)

	North	East	South	West
		1S	2C	???
				3C
West	♠QJ7	♥AJ52	♦Q983	♣87

Negative Dbl.

b)

	North	East	South	West
		1C	1H	???
				Dbl*
West	♠Q762	♥Q95	♦AJ3	♣Q95

12+ with heart support

c)

	North	East	South	West
		1H	2S*	???
				3S
West	♠107	♥A53	♦Q943	♣AK85

d)

	North	East	South	West
		1C	1D	???
				1H
West	♠K107	♥AKJ4	♦A43	♣85

11+ HCPs and forcing one round.

e)

	North	East	South	West
		1C	Dbl	Pass
				2C
West	♠QJ107	♥K865	♦AQ3	♣85

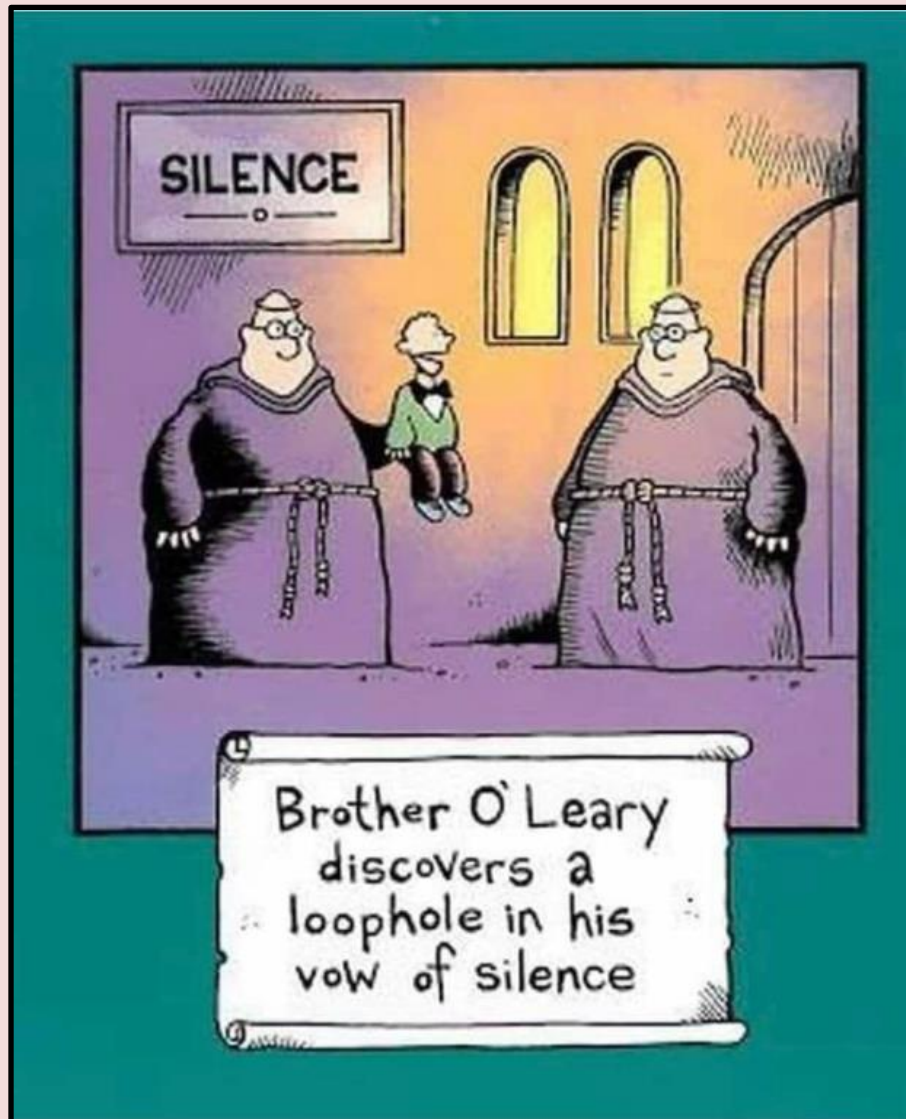
Doesn't promise club support.

f)

	North	East	South	West
		1C	1D	???
				2D
West	♠Q93	♥Q95	♦A432	♣K53

This case is a WCB

# Another Joke



A cue bid says,  
 "Partner, we may have  
 enough for game.  
 Please keep bidding."

# More Practice

**PRACTICE**  
 makes perfect!

Cue bid to force and explore. South  
 may bid a 5-card major or 3NT.

1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3D*	1D	2D*	Pass	???
West	♠AK62	♥K854	♦4	♣A642

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2D*	1H	Pass	???	1D
South	♠AJ32	♥Q32	♦87	♣AQ7

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2H*	1S	1NT	???	1H
South	♠AJ32	♥Q3	♦87	♣A872

If partner bids 2NT, bid 3NT.

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3C	1D	2C	Dbl*	Pass
North	♠A84	♥K72	♦AKJ1082	♣4

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3C	1S	2C	Dbl*	Pass
North	♠AKJ42	♥A92	♦AK4	♣43

Cue bid to explore. With  
 5+ ♥s, South will bid 3H.

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2S*	1D	1S	Dbl*	Pass
South	2D	Pass	???	
South	♠972	♥AK84	♦K4	♣K975

A cue bid after partner has opened a minor denies 4 hearts (would've used a Neg. Dbl.) and shows 11+ HCPs and is looking for a NT contract.

# Hand #1



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	1S	2S	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North shows a spade stopper but no extras.

With a minimum (invitational) hand, South passes in a partscore.

North  
 ♠ K86  
 ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ Q84  
 ♣ AJ52

West  
 ♠ 53  
 ♥ 10976  
 ♦ 1076  
 ♣ K1098

East  
 ♠ AJ1072  
 ♥ A82  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ 73

South  
 ♠ Q94  
 ♥ K53  
 ♦ KJ93  
 ♣ Q64

**N/S makes 2NT if played by North.  
 E/W makes nothing.**

# Hand #2

When partner opens a minor, a cue bid does NOT promise support.

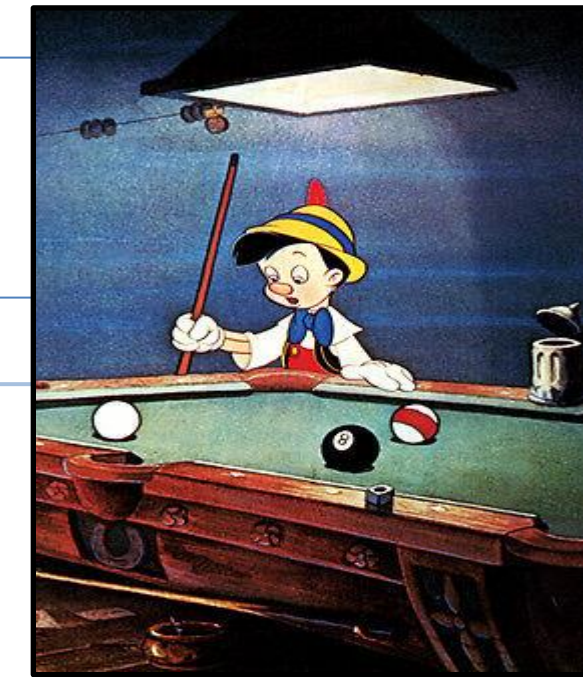
<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	1S	2S*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North  
 ♠ A5  
 ♥ K104  
 ♦ AJ1084  
 ♣ J86

East  
 ♠ KJ982  
 ♥ QJ2  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ A43

West  
 ♠ 1063  
 ♥ 9876  
 ♦ 976  
 ♣ Q105

South  
 ♠ Q74  
 ♥ A53  
 ♦ KQ3  
 ♣ K972



**N/S makes 4NT.**  
**E/W makes nothing.**

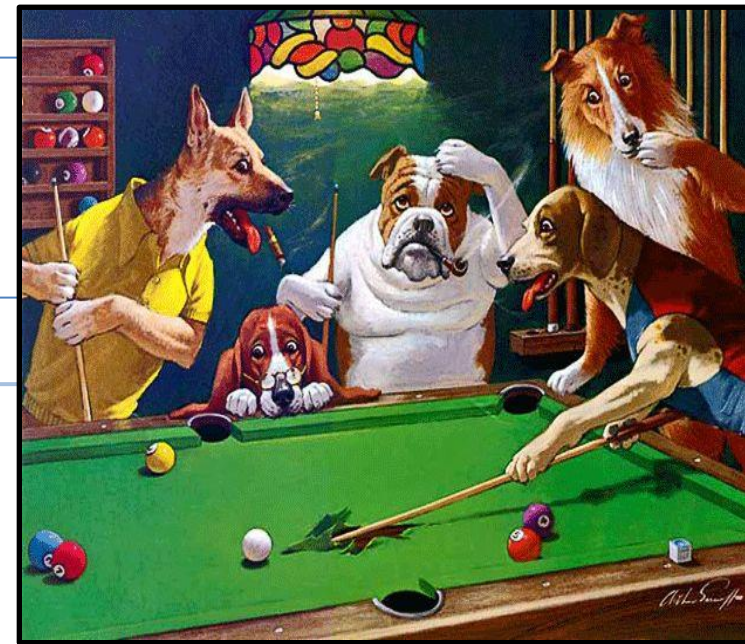
I have a spade stopper and no extras.

I have enough for game and help in spades.



A cue bid after partner has opened a major promises at least 3-card support and 11+ HCPs.

# Hand #3



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	2C	3C	Pass
3S	Pass	Pass	Pass

North  
 ♠ AQ976  
 ♥ K93  
 ♦ Q4  
 ♣ Q42

East  
 ♠ 82  
 ♥ A82  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ AJ1073

North shows no extras by just rebidding his suit.

West  
 ♠ 1053  
 ♥ QJ76  
 ♦ 10876  
 ♣ 86

With a minimum (invitational) hand, South passes in a partscore.

South  
 ♠ KJ4  
 ♥ 1054  
 ♦ KJ93  
 ♣ K95

**N/S makes 3S.**

**E/W makes 1C.**

# Hand #4

A Cue Bid over partner's major suit overcall also shows 3+-card support and 11+ HCPs.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1C	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

A minimum overcall.

West  
 ♠ 76  
 ♥ 10984  
 ♦ AQ106  
 ♣ 952

North  
 ♠ KJ4  
 ♥ KQJ  
 ♦ J9732  
 ♣ 106

East  
 ♠ A85  
 ♥ 765  
 ♦ K8  
 ♣ KQJ74

**Vul:**  
N/S

South  
 ♠ Q10932  
 ♥ A32  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ A83

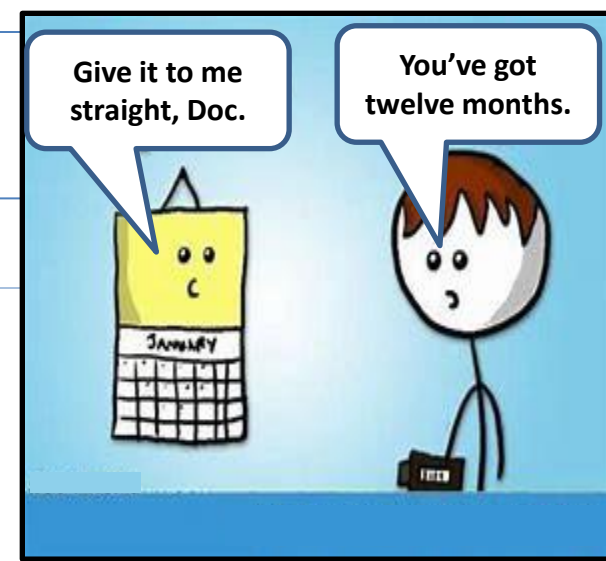
N/S makes 2S.

E/W makes 2C.

Best lead = 7♠.



# Hand #5



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
			1S
2D	2H	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	3NT

WCB (forcing) asking for a diamond stopper(s).

North  
 ♠ QJ108  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ K10985  
 ♣ A5

**Vul:**  
 All

West  
 ♠ AK976  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ J10932

East  
 ♠ 32  
 ♥ AQJ94  
 ♦ J42  
 ♣ KQ4

South  
 ♠ 54  
 ♥ 108762  
 ♦ 763  
 ♣ 876

**N/S makes nothing.**  
**E/W makes 3+ NT.**

A cue bid after partner has opened a minor denies 4 hearts (would've used a Neg. Dbl.) and shows 11+ HCPs and is looking for a NT contract.

# Hand #6

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	1S	2S	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North shows a spade stopper but no extras.

With a minimum (invitational) hand, South passes in a partscore.

North  
 ♠ K86  
 ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ Q84  
 ♣ AJ52

**Vul:**  
 N/S

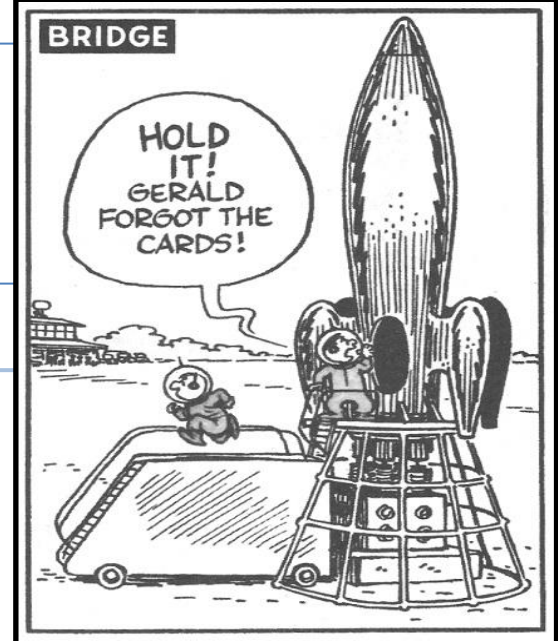
West  
 ♠ 53  
 ♥ 10976  
 ♦ 1076  
 ♣ K1098

South  
 ♠ Q94  
 ♥ K53  
 ♦ KJ93  
 ♣ Q64

East  
 ♠ AJ1072  
 ♥ A82  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ 73

**N/S makes 2NT.**

**E/W makes nothing.**



Shows enough HCPs  
to compete, not  
necessarily ♠ support  
(raise with ♠'s).

# Hand #7



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	2C	Dbl*
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All	Pass

North  
♠ 1064  
♥ J106  
♦ J76  
♣ K1095

West  
♠ J972  
♥ AQ983  
♦ 83  
♣ 64

**Vul:**  
E/W

East  
♠ A83  
♥ K74  
♦ AKQ1042  
♣ 7

South  
♠ KQ5  
♥ 52  
♦ 95  
♣ AQJ832

N/S makes 2C.

E/W makes 6H.

Best lead = 5♣.

# Hand #8

A pre-empt in clubs, vulnerable and with such a flat hand, is ill-advised.

Cue bid.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1D	2C
Dbl*	Pass	3C	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

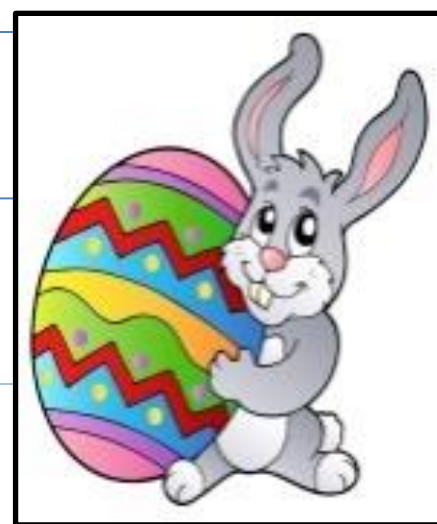
North  
 ♠ A9765  
 ♥ K543  
 ♦ 93  
 ♣ 76

West  
 ♠ J42  
 ♥ Q98  
 ♦ Q2  
 ♣ AKJ104

**Vul:**  
 All

East  
 ♠ Q10  
 ♥ 1076  
 ♦ 876  
 ♣ Q9852

South  
 ♠ K83  
 ♥ AJ2  
 ♦ AKJ1054  
 ♣ 3



E/W makes 1C.

N/S makes 5S.

Best lead = 5♣.

# Playtime

