

Summary for CHECKBACK

After the 1N rebid by opener, responder bids

2C : forces 2D and now responder describes an invitational hand

also used to stop in diamonds

2D : game force, everything natural

2H/2S : to stop there

2N : forces 3C, to stop there

3any : game forcing, and promises at least 5-5 if a new suit

CHECKBACK OVER 1NT

Patrick, Oct 15

WHY DO WE WANT THIS ?

- Name and need has been around long time
- Purpose
 - to set the right level of contract
 - (but primarily) to uncover 8 card major suit fits
- Multiple forms of checkback
 - this the most common today
 - very standard

WHEN DOES THIS HAPPEN ?

- When opener rebids 1N and next hand passes
 - Even by a passed hand (when 1N is strong)
 - Mostly whatever the NT strength
 - Whatever 1-level suit was opened (except ♠)

CLASSIFY YOUR STRENGTH ...

- After a limited 1N rebid, you are
 - Part-score territory
 - Game or game+ territory
 - In between
- We want to be able to show each of these
 - then both partners know how high to bid

Opposite a 15-17 hcp 1N rebid

(note that a 3-point range is a Good Thing)

- If we have up to 7 : part-score territory
- If we have good 9 or more : game+ territory
- If we have 8/bad9 : invitational space
 - and we adjust point counts for shapeliness

LET'S LOOK AT SOME
EXAMPLES NOW

Examples

Bidding is 1C-P-1H-P, 1N-P

♠ 75

♥ QJ753

♦ K53

♣ 973

part score

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invitational

Checkback bids

- Game and game+ hands
 - BID 2D
- Invitational hands
 - BID 2C
- Weaker hands
 - BID SOMETHING ELSE

Just a preview here –
will return to this

Shape question

[Assuming we know how high to aim]

- Shape questions are
 - Do we have a 4-4 fit not mentioned yet ?
 - Do we have a 5-3 fit in a suit we have bid ?
- Doesn't always matter but usually does ..
- If responder is weak, then the decision is for responder only – no room for dialogue

Checkback bids

- Game and game+ hands
 - BID 2D : opener bids something descriptive
- Invitational hands
 - BID 2C : opener bids 2D and responder describes
- Weaker hands
 - BID SOMETHING ELSE : opener stops

Checkback 2D (game force)

- Opener says something informative
 - Extra length in hearts ?
 - Extra length in spades ?
 - A decent long minor ?
 - Otherwise 2N
- So 1C-1H-1N and then 2D-2S says
 - Four spades, not three hearts (usually 4234)

Examples

Bidding is 1C-1H, 1N-2D, ?

♠ AK6

♥ Q86

♦ K86

♣ AQ84

bid 2H

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Bidding is 1C-1H, 1N-2D, ?

♠ AK6

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♥ Q86

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bid 2H

bid 2S

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bid 2H

♠ KJ86

♥ A6

♦ Q86

♣ AQ84

bid 2S

♠ KJ6

♥ A6

♦ Q864

♣ AQ84

bid 2NT

Examples

Bidding is 1C-1H, 1N-2D, ?

♠ KJ6

♠ Q6

♠ KJ86

♥ A6

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♥ A86

♦ Q86

♦ KJ86

♦ Q8

♣ AQJ84

♣ AQJ84

♣ AQ84

bid 3C

bid 3D

bid 2H

♠ Q4

♥ A3

♦ K84

♣ AK9876

♠ AK63

♥ K962

♦ A9

♣ Q53

DEALER
WEST

W (SALLY BROCK)	E (NICOLA SMITH)
1C	1H
1NT	2D (GF checkback)
3C (length)	4C
4D (cue)	4NT (ace ask)
5C (3 aces)	7C
P	

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championships
in Croatia,
Jun14

Checkback 2C (invitational)

- 2C : on all invitational hands
 - force partner to bid 2D
- And now responder describes the hand
 - suit shows length there
 - 2NT says no length worth showing
 - jump in suit invites with six cards

Examples

Bidding is 1C-1H, 1N-2C, 2D- ?

♠ A5

♥ Q9753

♦ K53

♣ 972

invite with 2H

Examples

Bidding is 1C-1H, 1N-2C, 2D- ?

♠ A5

♠ A753

♥ Q9753

♥ Q753

♦ K53

♦ K3

♣ 973

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invite with 2H

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♠ A53

♥ Q753

♦ K53

♣ 973

invite with 2NT

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1H, 1N-2C, 2D- ?

♠ Q

♥ Q7654

♦ K3

♣ Q9753

invite with 2H
then 3C over 2N

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1H, 1N-2C, 2D- ?

♠ Q

♥ Q7654

♦ K3

♣ Q9753

invite with 2H
then 3C over 2N

♠ Q

♥ Q764

♦ K2

♣ Q97532

invite with 3C

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1H, 1N-2C, 2D- ?

♠ Q

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♦ K3

♣ Q9753

invite with 2H
then 3C over 2N

♠ Q

♥ Q764

♦ K2

♣ Q97532

invite with 3C

♠ Q5

♥ QT9752

♦ K3

♣ 973

invite with 3H

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♠ AQ5

♥ Q753

♦ K

♣ Q9753

go through 2D
then bid a
forcing 3C

Checkback other (to stop)

- When we want to stop
 - Pass with no long suit
 - 2C as transfer to play in diamonds
 - opener always bids 2D
 - 2H/2S to play there
 - 2N as transfer to play in clubs
 - opener always bids 3C

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1S, 1N- ??

♠ Q76543

♥ 53

♦ K7

♣ J53

bid 2S

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1S, 1N- ??

♠ Q76543

♠ Q9753

♥ 53

♥ Q753

♦ K7

♦ J7

♣ J53

♣ J9

bid 2S

bid 2H

Examples

Bidding is 1D-1S, 1N- ??

♠ Q76543

♠ Q9753

♠ Q975

♥ 53

♥ Q753

♥ Q3

♦ K7

♦ J7

♦ J753

♣ J53

♣ J9

♣ J93

bid 2S

bid 2H

bid 2C and
pass 2D

Examples

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♦ J7

♦ J753

♦ J7

♣ J53

♣ J9

♣ J93

♣ J97532

bid 2S

bid 2H

bid 2C and
pass 2D

bid 2NT and
pass 3C

Extras which come for free ...

- After a 1NT rebid
 - 3any lower suit promises 5-5 in two suits
 - or 4 cards support for partner (not just 3)
 - Jump rebid is a very good 6 card suit of my own
 - less good goes via 2D
 - with only 5-4 to show, responder goes through 2D

Example 1

♠ 8752

♥ A8

♦ AKQ7

♣ K52

♠ AQ43

♥ J432

♦ T6

♣ A84

Recommended auction :

1D 1H

1NT 2D(game force)

2S 4S

P

Example 2

♠ A8

♠ 532

♥ AKQ

♥ J6532

♦ J8643

♦ AQ7

♣ QT9

♣ K6

Recommended auction :

1D 1H

1NT 2D(game force)

2H 4H

P

Example 3

♠ KT92

♠ Q65

♥ 73

♥ AKQ9

♦ QJ5432

♦ K6

♣ T

♣ Q972

Recommended auction :

	1H
1S	1NT
2C	2D(forced)
P	

Example 4

♠ KQ

♠ J9632

♥ K64

♥ Q2

♦ AJ32

♦ K85

♣ Q543

♣ KT9

Recommended auction :

1C 1S

1NT 2C(invitational hands)

2D 2S

P/2N

Checkback after 2N rebid

- Jump 2N after response at 1L
 - usually 18-20 in strength
- Simple 2N after response at 2L
 - often 15-20 in strength (since it is forcing)

Checkback after jump 2N

- Any invite falls into at least 3N, so cannot distinguish invite and game force.
- But separating weak hands is useful

OPTIONALLY

- Use 3C as a puppet to 3D (as we did over 1N)
- Then 3H or 3S is to play

Checkback after simple 2N

- Range usually 15-19 (since game forcing)
- Even less need for artificial bids
 - not needed to find the fit (just bid suits)
- Some use 3C to ask range
 - 3D promises top end (17-19)
 - 3H / 3S / 3N all show 15-16 and length where bid

Excellent set of examples available courtesy of Andrew Kambites.
Will get these to web site and send out links.

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW

ELIMINATIONS & END PLAYS

Patrick, Oct 15

WHY DO WE DO THIS ?

- Name and technique from early days of bridge
 - Synonymous with “thrown in”
- Applies in declaring and in defence
- When does it never apply ?
 - When it’s better for opponents to lead the suit
- “Better” if we don’t lead the suit ourselves
 - Might mean helpful
 - Might mean safer
 - Might mean the only hope

SUIT COMBINATIONS

♠ A32

♠ KJ10

finesse

end play either

♠ A32

♠ KJ4

finesse

end play South

♠ A32

♠ KJ9

finesse(s)

♠ A92

♠ KJ3

finesse(s)

end play N helps
end play S guarantees

SUIT COMBINATIONS

♥ 432

♥ AJ10

double finesse

end play N helps
end play S guarantees

♥ 1032

♥ AJ4

♥ J32

♥ Q54

end play either guarantees

♥ J32

♥ K54

SUIT COMBINATIONS

(some more tricky)

♠ K32

♠ Q109

finesse

♠ K82

♠ Q103

♠ K32

♠ Q43

.... and there are many, many more

Suit contracts – NT contracts

- Why are defenders end-played ?
 - No other suit left in their hand
 - Might be end-play in other suits too
 - Other suits give ruff & discard
- At suit contracts : all 3 apply
 - But you need trumps in both hands
- At NT contracts : only first two apply

Pre-requisites

- Eliminating the safe suits
 - Sometimes partial is the best we can do
- A loser with which to throw in
 - Sometimes you need to throw in to a specific defender

LET'S LOOK AT SOME
EXAMPLES NOW

Example 1

♠ A2

♠ K4

♥ AQJ65

♥ KT732

♦ AK2

♦ 543

♣ AJ2

♣ KT3

- Contract is 6H

Example 2

♠ A2

♠ 43

♥ AQJ65

♥ KT732

♦ AK2

♦ 543

♣ AJ2

♣ T43

- Contract is 4H

Losing any inevitable tricks to North on this hand really helps.

LET'S PLAY A FEW NOW

Example 3

♠ AQ765

♠ KJ982

♥ QJ

♥ A4

♦ AK2

♦ 53

♣ J75

♣ Q832

Contract is 4S by left hand (after 1S-3S-4S)

Solution : win the HA at trick one, draw trumps, eliminate diamonds, exit with HQ forcing defenders to broach clubs.

Example 4

♠ A6

♠ K52

♥ AQ9632

♥ K8754

♦ A7

♦ Q4

♣ A72

♣ KJ3

Contract is 6H by left hand (was E)

after 1H-4H-6H : lead is the DJ

Solution : keeping back the DQ, win the DA, draw trumps, eliminate spades, and exit with DQ to force RHO to lead clubs.

Example 5

♠ K6

♠ A7

♥ 7532

♥ AQT

♦ K9832

♦ AJ7654

♣ K2

♣ AT

Contract is 6D by right hand (was S)

Solution : with the spade lead, draw trumps and eliminate clubs, lead towards the strong hearts and put in the ten.

Example 6

♠ 875

♠ AK32

♥ 987

♥ KQJT

♦ K765

♦ AQ3

♣ K32

♣ J5

WEST

Contract is 3N by left hand, after LHO opened 1D
RHO discards a club on the DJ lead

Solution : win DA, knock out HA, win DQ, cash hearts and spades,
play DK and D7 to end play opener to lead from CA.

Defending against endplays

- Unblocking plays

♠ K65

♠ Q6

♥ AQ987

♥ KJT32

♦ AK6

♦ 932

♣ K3

♣ J52

North leads the DQ,
and turns up with the
SA – and might get
end-played

Defenders might see it
coming, and unblock to
leave the safe hand on
lead – here for South
to lead clubs.

- ... and countering that

Cashing key cards early
before the defenders realise

Defending against endplays

- Unblocking plays
- Leaving the right hand on lead

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