Reverses & Fourth Suit

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Storyboard for tonight

- what defines a "reverse"
- responses to a reverse
- different fourth suit positions
- responses to FSF
- <play some hands and discuss>
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- A bit more on squeezes
- <play some hands and discuss>
- <any questions>

PART 1

"REVERSES"

Definition

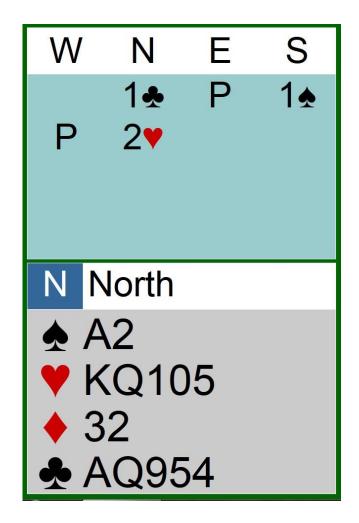
 Where a second suit bid will force preference at the 3-level

- Implications
 - extra values or it would be unsafe
 - extra shape or it would be unsafe

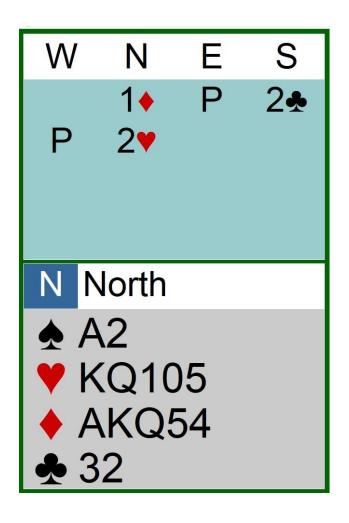
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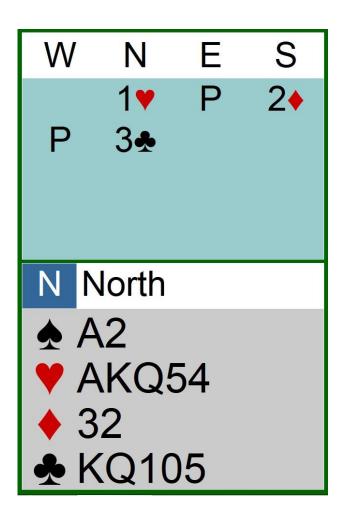
Examples

W	N	Ε	S
	1 🔷	Р	1♠
Р	2♥		
NN	Iorth		
♠ A	2		
Y KQ105			
♦ AKQ54			
♣ 3	2		



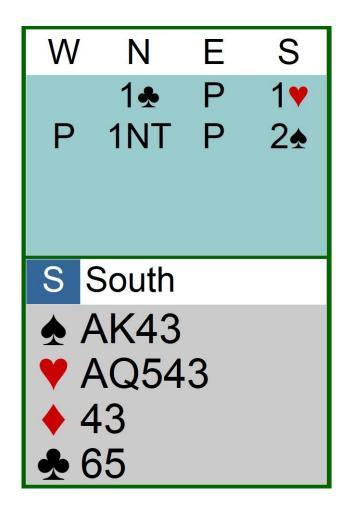
More examples



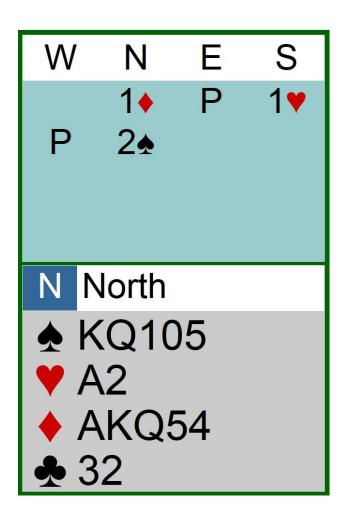


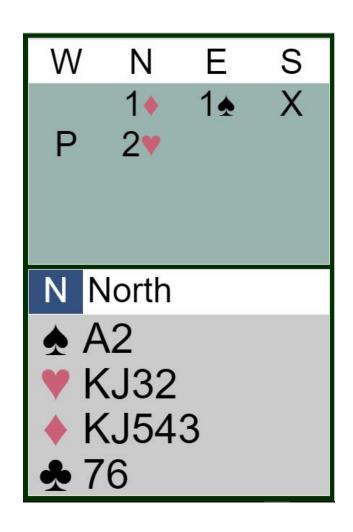
Reverse by responder

W	N	E	S
	1♣	Р	1♥
Р	2♣	Р	2♠
SS	South		
♠ A	K43		
♥ AQ543			
♦ 43			
♣ 6	5		



Not (imho) a "reverse"





Key points

- Extra values because level is higher
- Game forcing if responder bids at 2-level

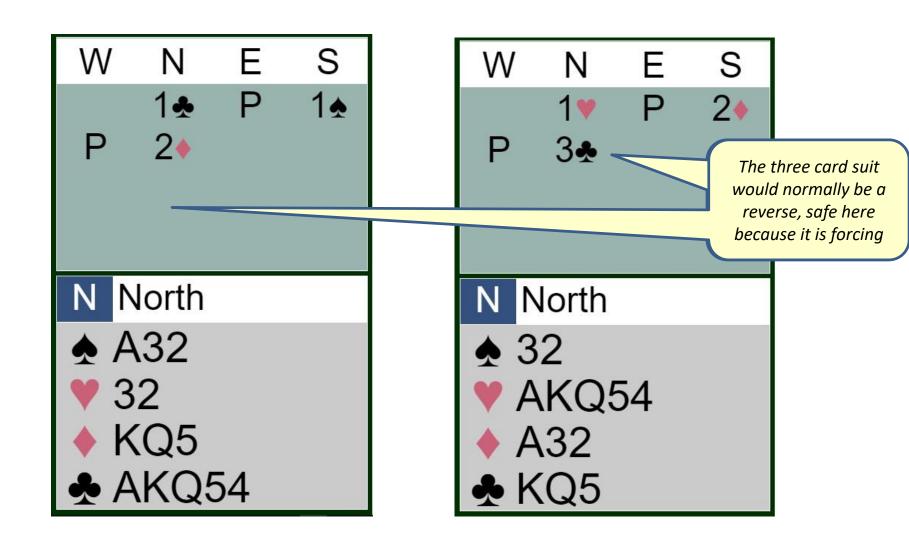
- Tricky points
 - when not Game Forcing, which bids are forcing?
 - how does an initial pass change things?

In competition

- Important to get shape over
 - so used a bit more liberally

But still forcing one round+

Inventing a reverse

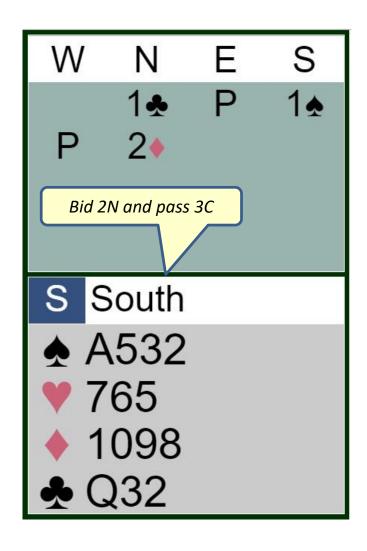


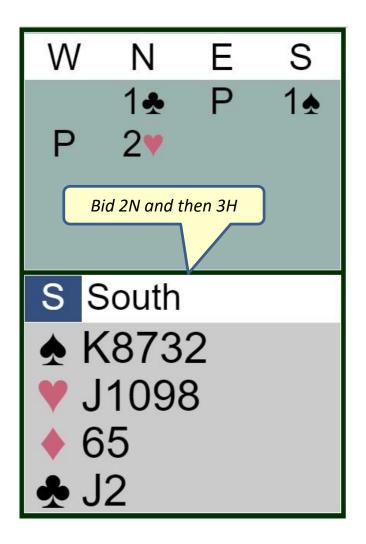
Responding to a Reverse

- You might be weak
- You might be Game Forcing

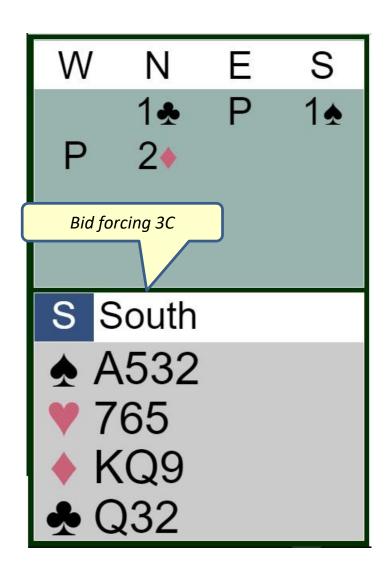
- LEBENSOHL type solution
 - aka BLACKOUT
 - 2N on weak hands
 - bids at 3L are game force

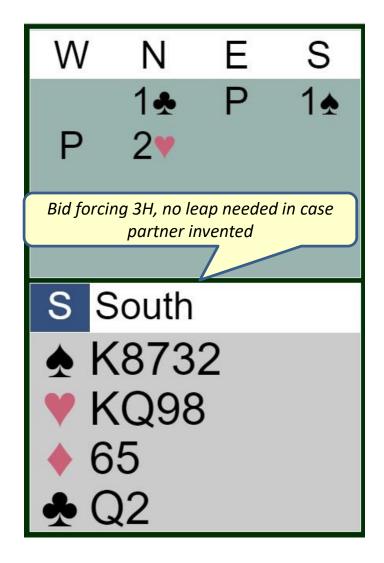
Weak Responding Hands





Strong Responding Hands





♠ AQT7

♠ K

y 543

♥ AQ87

DEALER EAST

◆ Q87

◆ AKT543

♣ AQ3

♣ K6

W	E
	1 •
1 🛧	2♥
3 ♦ (forcing)	4 🚓
••••	

5/6 in small slam

♠ AQ3

★ K6

y 543

♥ AQ87

DEALER EAST

◆ Q8

◆ AKT543

♣ AQT73

* K

W	E
	1 •
2 4 (2-level)	2 ♥ (game forcing)
2N	3 ♦
••••	

Another useful trick ...

Applies only to 1C opener rebidding 2D

Problem hands ...







Solution for big club hands

Start with a reverse into 2

- Partner know it is two way, so bids 2♥ to ask
 - 2♠ now says normal diamond reverse
 - continue as 2N with weak hands
 - others all say massive hand with long clubs

PART 2

FOURTH SUIT FORCING

Principles

- Unlikely to be a sensible destination
- Better used to elicit information

- Today nearly all GAME FORCING
 - almost

When not Game Forcing?

When fourth suit as fourth bid ... is GF

But what about as fifth bid ...

W	E	
	1*	Forcing but not
1♥	2*	Forcing but not game forcing
2 •	2 🏟	

And by passed hand

Forcing but not game forcing

What is FSF asking?

Not just a stop for NT

Asking to say something descriptive



♥ AQ87

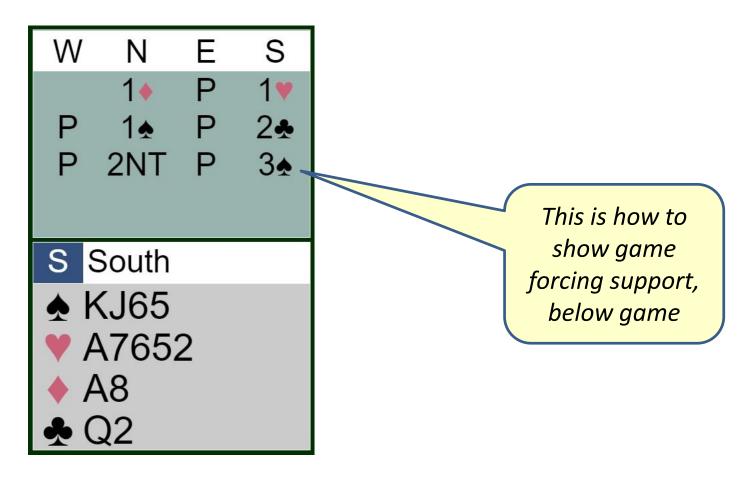
◆ AKT543

♣ K6

W	E
	1 •
1 🛧	2 🔻
3 . *	?
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Key usage

To show game forcing support ...



Three special cases

Stuck for a bid?

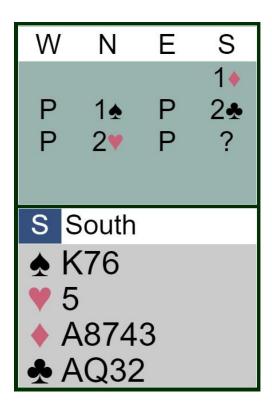
Jump in Fourth Suit ?

Repeat of Fourth Suit ?

Stuck for a bid?

- Must avoid: long think then reluctant bid
- Answer: lowest suit bid totally neutral

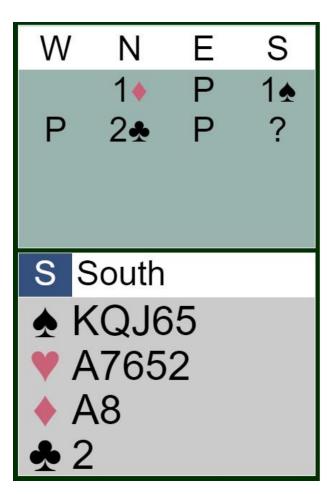
W	N	Ε	S
V=20			1•
Р	1♠	Р	2♣
Р	2♥	Р	?
SS	outh		
♠ K	7 L :		
¥ 7	65		
♦ A	874	3	
♣ A	Q32)	



Jump in the Fourth Suit

Promises 55 shape and GF values ...

this only applies below 3N



Repeat of Fourth Suit

- aka Fifth Suit Forcing
- says "continue the description"
 - denies knowing the denomination ...

AQ	T72	
Δ	1/4	T

♥ Q98 **♥** K4

◆ Q8
◆ AJT53

♣ 543 ♣ AQ872

W	E
	1♦
1 🖍	2*
2♥	3 . *
3♥	3N

KEY POINTS ON REVERSES

- Forcing one round
- Game force over response at 2-level

- After 1-level response & reverse
 - use 2N on limited hands
 - suit at 3-level is Game Forcing

KEY POINTS ON FOURTH SUIT

Best played as Game Forcing

Remember

- lowest suit bid if stuck for a bid
- Jump in fourth suit is 55, natural, GF
- Rebid of fourth suit asks again

LET'S PLAY SOME HANDS NOW (BOARDS 1-3)

Tea break before / during / after but not all at once ... all done by 45 minutes from now

PART 3

Looking at Squeezes

Key Points to Note

Many squeezes are just about being careful

You need to envisage the opponent's difficulty

Today just some simple squeezes

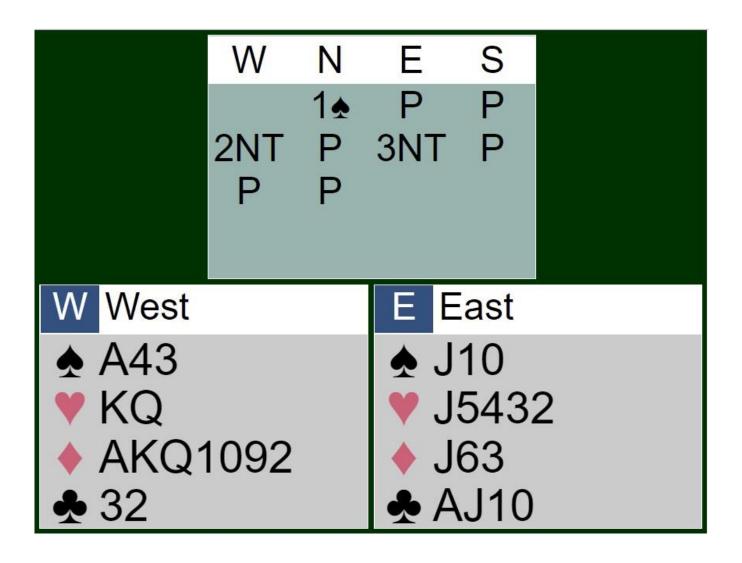
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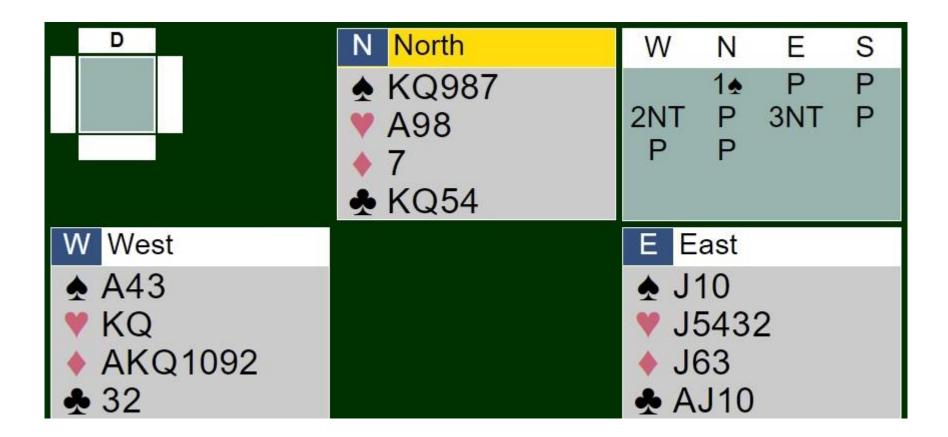
- Works best if you have all but one of the tricks
- You might need to unblocks suits first

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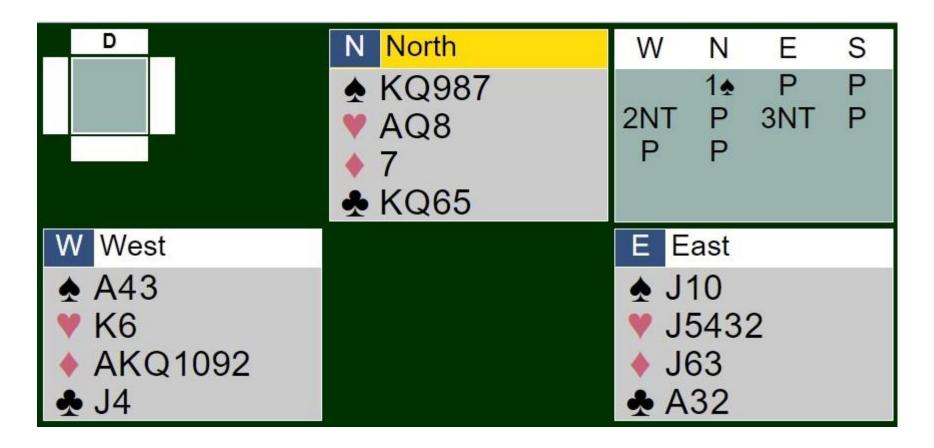
Squeeze 2



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Squeeze 2



LET'S PLAY SOME HANDS NOW (BOARDS 4-6)

Just what we have time for

HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS

On what we have done, or what we have not done