

Bidding More

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Storyboard for tonight

- Bidding more in part-score space
- Bidding more in game space
- Bidding more in slam space

<play some hands and discuss>

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- Law of Total Tricks
- A bit more on - squeezes

<play some hands and discuss>

<any questions>

Context

- This is not about opening the bidding, or when to come in

bidding on = a second/third bid

- Some bids are forcing – these are not the issue
 - system says that you must bid on
- Most questions arise in competitive bidding

Pros and Cons

PLUS SIDE

- Getting to a better contract, perhaps game
- Stops the opposition getting in
- Helps partner if we are defending

DOWN SIDE

- Get too high and go minus
- Bidding helps the opponents lead/defend

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Simplest Case

- Partner has made limit raise
 - know your rules, and stick to them
- For 3NT, research shows ... HCP guides
- For 4M games ... LTC guides best

Most problems are (a) competitive or (b) slam

PART 1

Bidding on in part-scores

Pros and Cons

PLUS SIDE

- Getting to a better contract, perhaps game
- Stops the opposition conversation
- Helps partner if we are defending
- + They might bid on and bid too much

DOWN SIDE

- Get too high and go minus
- Bidding helps the opponents lead/defend

The time you want to bid is when ..

[when it's forcing and you have to, plus]

- Something constructive to say
 - think about what partner already knows
- A suitable means of saying it

- Exceptions
 - pre-emptive raises

Exercise (6 hands)

- From a recent Swiss Teams
- Decide on what you'd bid, if at all.
- Fairly quickly, then we'll discuss them.

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N North

♠ K842
♥ A1043
♦ K743
♣ J

W **N** **E** **S**

P	1♦	1♠	P
2♦	2♥	?	X

W West

♠ J103
♥ J95
♦ AJ965
♣ K4

E East

♠ AQ765
♥ 86
♦ 8
♣ AQ1085

S South

♠ 9
♥ KQ72
♦ Q102
♣ 97632

must bid 3C to
help partner act
over 3H

Rewind

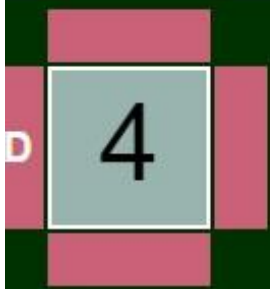
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Options

GIB

Play



N North

♠ J
♥ K106
♦ Q109654
♣ 863

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♥	1♠
?			

W West

♠ 9742
♥ A97
♦
♣ KQJ1054

E East

♠ 1065
♥ J842
♦ KJ82
♣ A2

S South

♠ AKQ83
♥ Q53
♦ A73
♣ 97

must bid 2C to emphasise the reason you opened



N North

♠ A8754
♥ AK43
♦ 8
♣ KQ7

W	N	E	S
	1♠	X	P
2♣	?		

W West

♠ 10962
♥ J8
♦ A7
♣ J10932

E East

♠ KQ
♥ Q1065
♦ Q1062
♣ A65

S South

♠ J3
♥ 972
♦ KJ9543
♣ 84

should pass as LHO has implied hearts and partner still there

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N North
 ♠ 1095
 ♥ J1093
 ♦ 962
 ♣ J95

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♦
X	P	1♥	P
2♣	P	?	

W West
 ♠ K863
 ♥ A5
 ♦ A5
 ♣ AKQ108

E East
 ♠ J72
 ♥ K764
 ♦ QJ74
 ♣ 62

S South
 ♠ AQ4
 ♥ Q82
 ♦ K1083
 ♣ 743

must bid to game as partner has shown a powerful hand

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N North
♠ Q52
♥ K952
♦ Q76
♣ AJ5

W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♠	3♣
P	P	?	

W West
♠ 8
♥ A84
♦ K9532
♣ Q987

E East
♠ AKJ10963
♥ QJ7
♦ A104
♣

S South
♠ 74
♥ 1063
♦ J8
♣ K106432

Double then 3S
is better,
stronger than
immediate 3S

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N North
♠ AKJ972
♥
♦ J1064
♣ J104

W	N	E	S
			1♥
P	1♠	2♣	?

W West
♠ 1083
♥ Q1085
♦ KQ9873
♣

E East
♠ Q54
♥ 764
♦ 5
♣ AKQ876

S South
♠ 6
♥ AKJ932
♦ A2
♣ 9532

worth bidding 2H to show the sixth, but if overcall had been 3C then pass

PART 2

Bidding on at game level

The times when bidding on wins ...

- When both sides are making their contract
- When your contract makes
- When their contract makes

BUT NOT

- When both contracts go down

How do you decide ?

- Same factors as before
 - ie undisclosed assets or features
- More important than before
 - they might bid on
 - which might suit you
 - which might not suit you

Exercise (4 hands)

- From a recent Swiss Teams
- Decide on what you'd bid, if at all.
- Fairly quickly, then we'll discuss them.

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N North

♠ 3
♥ J75
♦ KQJ
♣ AKJ543

W	N	E	S
		1♠	3♥
3♠ P	4♥	4♠	P

W West

♠ Q10874
♥ K102
♦ 752
♣ Q10

E East

♠ AK9652
♥ 9
♦ A86
♣ 876

S South

♠ J
♥ AQ8643
♦ 10943
♣ 92

better to have bid 4C before, now must double rather than commit



N North

♠ AJ987653
♥
♦ K432
♣ 8

W	N	E	S
		1♥	P
2♣	4♠		

W West

♠ K
♥ 9
♦ AQ109
♣ J1096532

E East

♠ Q10
♥ AQJ653
♦ J6
♣ AQ7

S South

♠ 42
♥ K108742
♦ 875
♣ K4

You have a little more shape, a little more HCP than usual, not enough to bid 5H (5C chance but OK)

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N North

♠ AKJ9863
 ♥ AQ8
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 106

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	P
2♠	3♠	4♥	4♠

W West

♠ Q5
 ♥ K10964
 ♦ 6
 ♣ AKQ82

E East

♠ 4
 ♥ J7532
 ♦ AKJ2
 ♣ J74

S South

♠ 1072
 ♥
 ♦ Q1098543
 ♣ 953

You should show
 extras but partner
 knows shape, so
 double

Rewind

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Options

GIB

Play



Key features ...

- Getting partner involved in the decision
- Don't let them push you too much
- Use double when you can, to say you want to bid.

special options

ACTION DOUBLES

- When logic says you should not be bidding again ...
- But you really want to ...
- DOUBLE avoided crossing partner's intentions

W	N	E	S
	2♥	X	4♥
4♠	?		

N	North
♠	6
♥	QJ10943
♦	A5432
♣	7

Unusual NT = 2PP

- Where NT cannot be natural (always competitive), it is convenient as a means of bidding on without giving the wrong emphasis somewhere ..

W	N	E	S
1♠	2♣	2♠	P
P	?		

N	North
♠	A9
♥	4
♦	AQ52
♣	KJ10653

Bid 2N now to show diamonds (X would show hearts)

Unusual NT = 2PP

- Where NT cannot be natural (always competitive), it is convenient as a means of bidding on without giving the wrong emphasis somewhere ..

W	N	E	S
	2♠	X	4♠
P	P	X	P
?			

N	North
♠	106
♥	10643
♦	Q9743
♣	63

IF you bid, bid 4N to show 2-places-to-play

PART 4

Law of Total Tricks

LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

- Been around since 1950's
- Popularised by Marty Bergen & Larry Cohen
- Key point : a finesse
 - working for you is one more trick for you
 - losing is one more trick for them
 - so total tricks doesn't change

Law of Total Tricks

- Basic setup : add number of trumps in each side's best fit
- **Matches : BID TO THE LEVEL OF THE FIT**

W	N	E	S
		1♣	P
1♠	2♦	2♠	P
P	3♦	?	

E	East
♠	K832
♥	AJ42
♦	109
♣	KQ8

W	N	E	S
		1♣	P
1♠	2♦	2♠	P
P	3♦	P	P
?			

W	West
♠	Q764
♥	1083
♦	KQ8
♣	J105

level of fit already found, both should pass (neither did)



N North

♠ 10
♥ KQ9
♦ AJ7532
♣ A63

W	N	E	S
		1♣	P
1♠	2♦	2♠	P
P	3♦	P	P
?			

W West

♠ Q764
♥ 1083
♦ KQ8
♣ J105

E East

♠ K832
♥ AJ42
♦ 109
♣ KQ8

S South

♠ AJ95
♥ 765
♦ 64
♣ 9742