BROMAD

Bergen Raise Of a Major After a Double

BROMAD

In Support of Bergen Raises

* Bergen raises provide partner with a good description of responder's hand

* Bergen establishes a 9 card fit, usually suitable for play at the 3-level or higher

* Bergen provides an indication of responder strength (7-9) or (10-12)

* Bergen has pre-emptive value as it jams the defensive bidding space

BROMAD

Motivation

* Consider: 1♠ - (2♥) - 3♣ -

  * definitely NOT Bergen

* Consider: 1♠ - (1NT) - 3♣ -

  * definitely NOT Bergen

* Consider: 1♠ - (X) - 3♣ -

  * why wouldn't it be Bergen

* Bergen should be OFF in competition, but it can/should be ON over a double

BROMAD

More Motivation

* Consider: 1 ♠ - X - ???

* What does responder know?
  * 1/3 HCPs partner & 1/3 HCPs RHO
  * RHO has at least 4 ♥ and support for the unbid suits

* What does responder need to communicate?
  * strength (HCPs)
  * distribution (especially in ♠s)
  * can you afford to bid a new suit w/o major support?

BROMAD

Basics

* If you play Bergen, you should play BROMAD. If you don't play Bergen, you should consider BROMAD anyway!

* After 1 ♥ / ♠ - (X), 3♣ / ♦ shows 4 card support and a limit or a competitive raise

* After 1 ♥ / ♠ - (X), 2♣ / ♦ shows 3 card support and a limit or a competitive raise

BROMAD

What About Truscott/Jordan?

* Truscott/Jordan: 1♠ – (X) – 2NT (3-4 card limit+)

* BROMAD: 1♠ – (X) – 2♣ (3 card limit+)

* BROMAD: 1♠ – (X) – 2♦ (3 card comp.)

* BROMAD: 1♠ – (X) – 3♣ (4 card limit+)

* BROMAD: 1♠ – (X) – 3♦ (4 card comp.)

BROMAD

A BROMAD Clarification

* Auction: 1 ♠ - (X) - ???

* 1: ♠Qxx ♥xxx ♦xx ♣KQxxx

* 2: ♠Qxx ♥xxx ♦xx ♣Qxxxx

* BROMAD uses two different calls for these two different hands

BROMAD

1♠-(X)-	
pass	<=9 (<=2♠)
XX	10+ (<=2♠)
1nt	6-9 with ♥ block (<=2♠)
BROMAD 2♣	10+ (3♠)
BROMAD 2♦	7-9 (3♠)
2♥	10-11 with ♥ block (<=2♠)
BROMAD 2♠	weak (3♠)
2nt	10-11 with good ♥s (<=2♠)
BROMAD 3♣	10+ (4♠)
BROMAD 3♦	7-9 (4♠)
3♥	12+ Western (<=2♠)
3♠	weak (4♠)
3nt	to play (3433) with good ♥s
4♣	splinter (12+)
4♦	splinter (12+)
4♥	splinter (12+)
4♠	to play
4nt	1430

1♥-(X)-	
pass	<=9 (<=2♥)
XX	10+ (<=2♥)
1♠	6+ 4+♠ (<=2♥)
1nt	6-9 with ♠ block (<=2♥)
BROMAD 2♣	10+ (3♥)
BROMAD 2♦	7-9 (3♥)
BROMAD 2♥	weak (3♥)
2♠	?!?! Western (<=2♥) ?!?!
2nt	10-11 with good ♠s (<=2♥)
BROMAD 3♣	10+ (4♥)
BROMAD 3♦	7-9 (4♥)
3♥	weak (4♥)
3♠	splinter (12+)
3nt	to play (4333) with good ♠s
4♣	splinter (12+)
4♦	splinter (12+)
4♥	to play
4nt	1430

BROMAD

Examples

* 1: ♠KJTxx ♥AQx ♦x ♣Kxxx

  Resp: ♠xxx ♥xxxx ♦xxx ♣AQxx 2♠

* 2: ♠KQTxxx ♥x ♦AQxx ♣Qx

  Resp: ♠xx ♥AKTx ♦xxx ♣Kxxx XX

* 3: ♠AJxxxx ♥Jx ♦A ♣Kxxx

  Resp: ♠Kxx ♥xxx ♦Kxxxx ♣Ax 2♣

BROMAD

Limitations

* 1 ♠ - (X) - ???

* ♠ x ♥ xxx ♦ AKJxxx ♣ xxx

  * hard to describe in standard bidding,
    impossible with BROMAD, unless you tweak it :)

* ♠ xxxx ♥ x ♦ AQxxx ♣ xxx

  * as with standard Bergen, BROMAD allows little/no room for fit type
    invitations, unless you tweak it :)

BROMAD

Tweaked

1♠-(X)-	
pass	<=9 (<=2♠)
XX	10+ (<=2♠)
1nt	6-9 with ♥ block (<=2♠)
BROMAD 2♣	7-9 (4♠)
BROMAD 2♦	7-9 (3♠)
2♥	minor suit preempt (0-1♠), relay 2♠
BROMAD 2♠	weak (3♠)
2nt	10+ Truscott/Jordan (3-4♠)
3♣	fit jump (4♠ with good suit)
3♦	fit jump (4♠ with good suit)
3♥	concealed splinter (9-11)
3♠	weak (4♠)
3nt	to play, with good ♥s
4♣	splinter (12-14)
4♦	splinter (12-14)
4♥	splinter (12-14)
4♠	to play
4nt	1430

1♥-(X)-	
pass	<=9 (<=2♥)
XX	10+ (<=2♥)
1♠	minor suit preempt (0-1♥), relay 2♥
1nt	6-9 with ♠ block (<=2♥)
BROMAD 2♣	7-9 (4♥)
BROMAD 2♦	7-9 (3♥)
BROMAD 2♥	weak (3♥)
2♠	concealed splinter (9-11)
2nt	10+ Truscott/Jordan (3-4♥)
3♣	fit jump (4♥ with good suit)
3♦	fit jump (4♥ with good suit)
3♥	weak (4♥)
3♠	splinter (12-14)
3nt	to play, with good ♠s
4♣	splinter (12-14)
4♦	splinter (12-14)
4♥	to play
4nt	1430