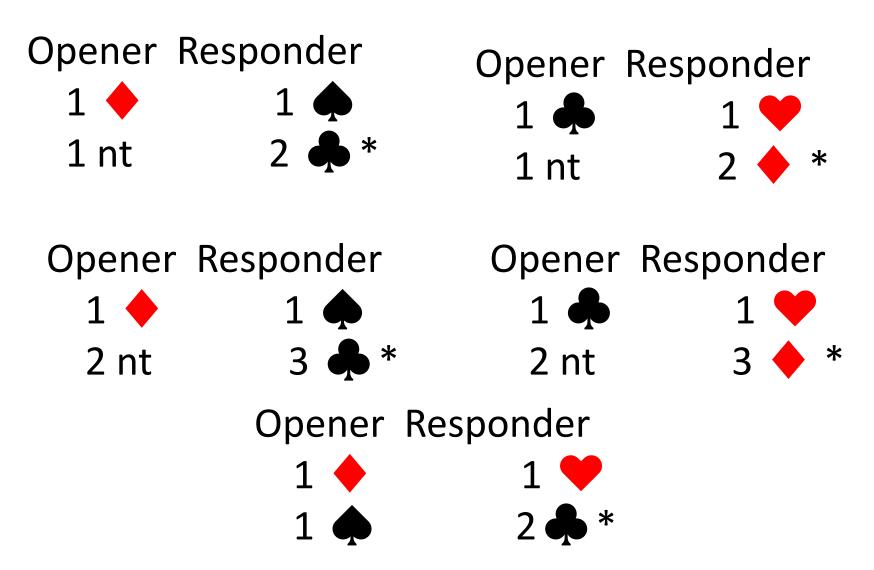
New Minor Forcing

A Very Helpful Convention

The Basic Idea

- This popular convention is used when the OPENER rebids 1NT or 2NT, after opening with a minor suit.
 - Responder rebids a new minor,
 - An artificial bid asking if opener has 3 cards in responder's major suit.
- Each of the following auctions is the new minor forcing convention. It specifically asks the opener if she has 3 cards in the responder's major suit.

In each of the following auctions, "*" indicates the New Minor Forcing Convention.



The New Minor Forcing Bid

- Is on only when opponents are silent.
- Is <u>always</u> used by the responder.
- Is responder's second bid in the auction.
- Responder has 9 or more points.
- Responder has <u>five cards</u> in the major suit.
- Responder needs more information to decide if the final contract will be the major suit or no trump.

New Minor Forcing is Alerted

- When the New Minor Forcing convention is initiated, the opener must say "alert."
- If opponents ask for the meaning of the alert, opener should say.
 - The minor suit is artificial.
 - Asking if opener has 3 of the major.

Opening Bidder's Response Options

- After New Minor Forcing is initiated, opener may:
 - a. Bid two of the responder's major suit with three cards.
 - b. If responder has bid spades, opener may bid hearts with 12 or 13 points not three spades.
 - c. If responder has bid hearts, opener will bid spades, with 12 or 13 points and not three hearts.
 - d. Opener bids two no trump without 3 cards in responder's major suit and 14 points.







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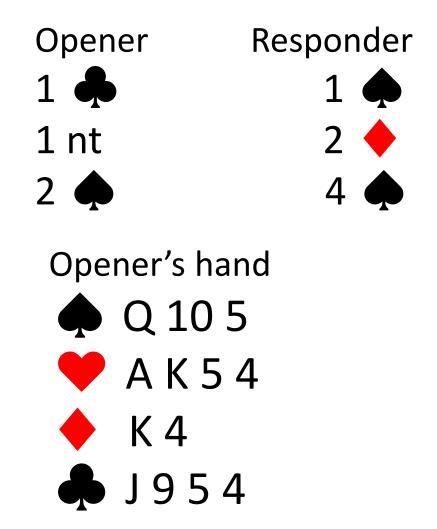


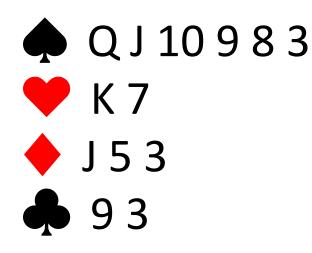


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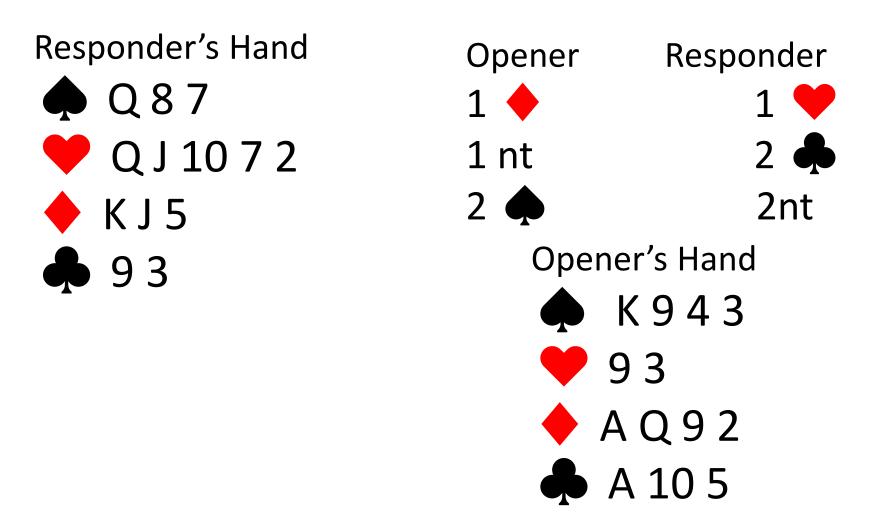
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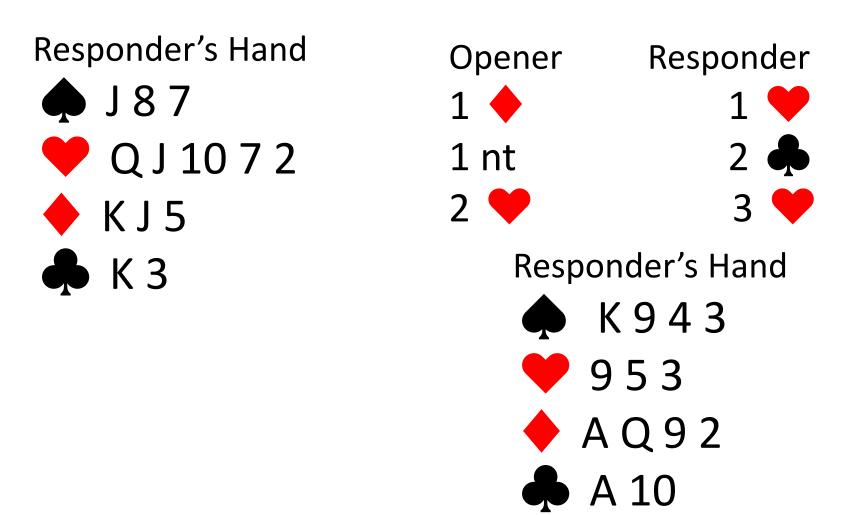
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