TIP OF THE WEEK: 1NT SEMI-FORCING

"The key difference between 1NT Forcing and 1NT Semi-Forcing is whether opener can pass a 1NT response. Playing 1NT Semi-Forcing, opener is expected to pass a 1NT response with a balanced hand which would not accept a limit raise. Playing 1NT Forcing, opener cannot pass a 1NT response. So opener would need to manufacture a bid with a balanced hand that isn't strong enough to rebid 2NT." (Source: Loeb Bridge)

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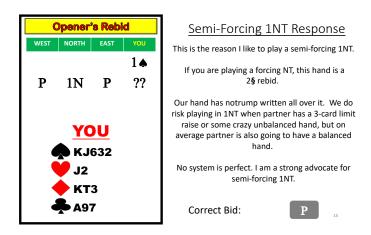
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1NT Semi-Forcing Pros: (Source: Loeb Bridge)

- Allows you to play 1NT
 - A non-vulnerable 1NT tends to score well whether it makes or not
- Opener's rebids are natural
 - Less guessing for responder
 - More accurate bidding
 - A 14-16 1NT range is recommended with 1NT Semi-Forcing to avoid opener having to manufacture a bid with a 14 point balanced hand

1NT Semi-Forcing Cons:

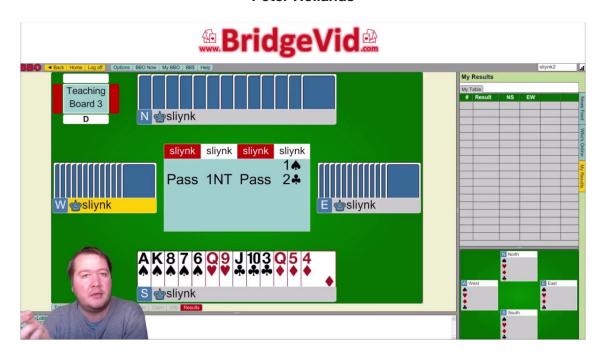
- You may play 1NT when responder has a 3-card limit raise
 - Not necessarily a bad thing
 - Sometimes 3♠ (or 3♥) is going down
 - Sometimes the same tricks are available in notrump
- You may play 1NT when responder has a weak hand with a long suit
 - A hand like ♠9 ♥Q9 ♠QJ98542 ♣J73 has more value in diamonds than notrump

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