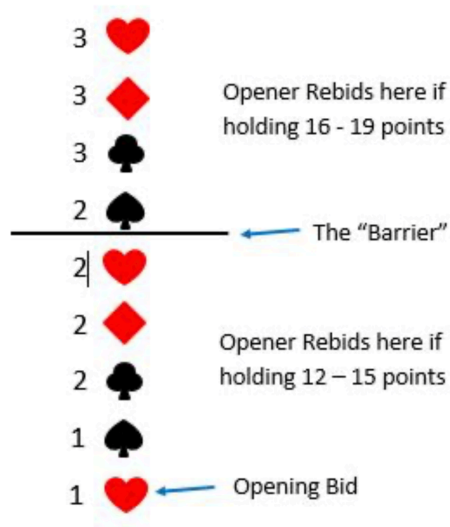


TIP OF THE WEEK: Bidding a New Suit “Above The Barrier” (Reverse)

When you open the bidding with a one-level suit bid, you immediately set yourself a “barrier” of that suit you bid. Imagine opening 1D, so your barrier is now 2D. If partner responds 1♥, 1♠, 1NT or 2♣, then you can only bid a new suit at a level above the barrier if you hold 16 - 19 points. Opener’s rebid of a new suit **above the barrier is Forcing**.



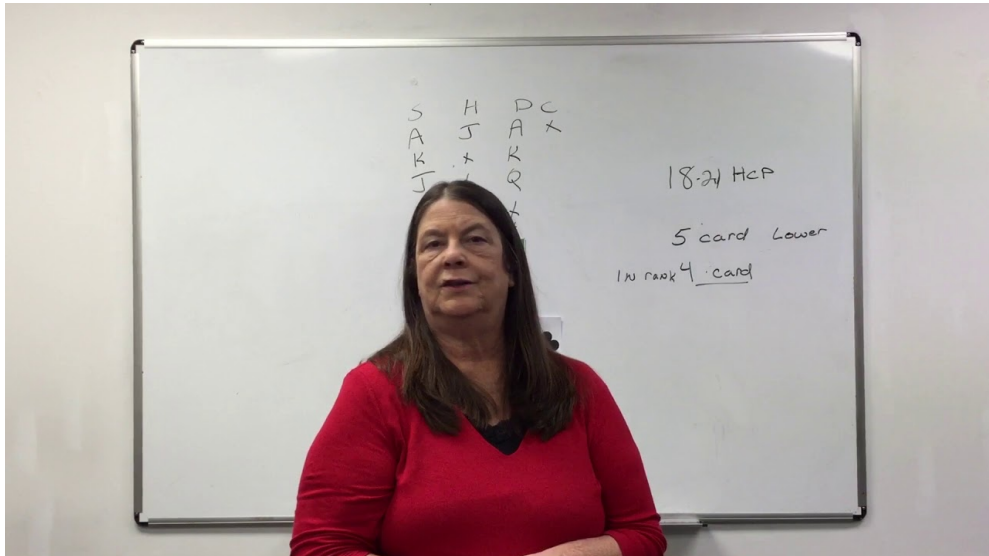
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Click on the following link, to see an excellent slide show by Cardiff Bridge Tutors.

bridgequiz.co.uk › downloads › How to use the Barrier

How to use the Barrier - Bridge Quiz

If you prefer to learn from a video, check out the following videos by Patty Tucker, Peter Hollands, and Rob Barrington...



<https://youtu.be/DCUTx8kSEf8>



<https://youtu.be/c76LycOw4bU>

Rob Barrington

<https://youtu.be/sH62mJ64qkY>

**Caution: Be careful of making a Reverse just to show points.
(Source: Palo Alto Bridge Club)**

1C - 1S

? —————> You hold Jx AT9x AQ AKxxx
Bid 2NT showing more than a strong
1NT Opener.

? —————> You hold x AKJx Jx AKQxxx
Now, bid a Reverse to show HCPs and
a source of tricks.

Responder must have an effective method for dealing with a Reverse since it's forcing for one round. Their bid should communicate whether the partnership has values for game.

Responder holds a Weak Hand (up to poor 8 HCPs)

. Responder can rebid a 5+ Major. Further bidding will distinguish their values
Forcing one round

Opener can...

- . Raise with 3-card support
- . Bid NT with stoppers
- . Rebid his 2nd suit with powerful hand 6-5 shape
- . Bid 3C —> Says we need to bail out at the 3-level if you have min.

. Responder can rebid 2NT
Forcing one round

Responder holds a Good 8+ Points

. Responder can support one of Opener's suits at the 3-level. This promises 3 cards for Opener's first suit and four for his second.

. Responder can bid 3NT with stoppers.

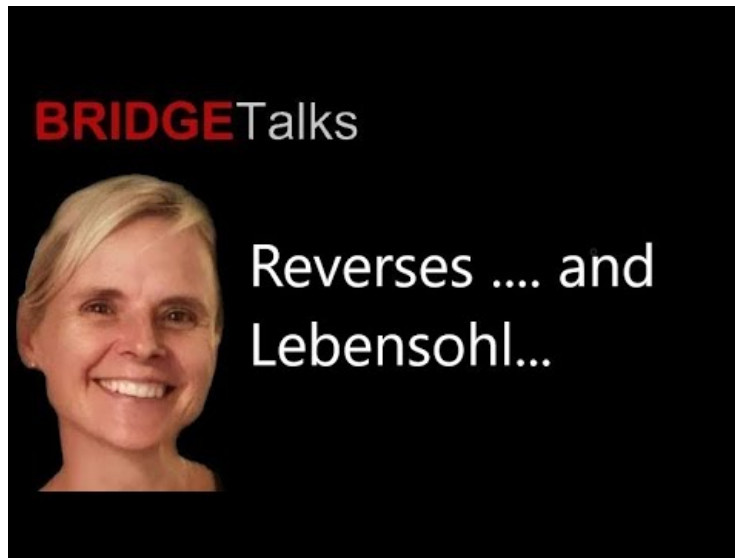
. Responder can rebid his original Major to show 5+ cards. Forcing 1 round.

. Responder can bid the 4th suit, neither promising nor denying values in this suit..

Advanced Learners

Lebensohl Convention after a Reverse

Bridget Rampton



<https://youtu.be/N3-l9HS9ZUU>

REMINDER:

After Partner reverses, 2NT on Responder's next bid, shows weakness and is a relay bid to 3C. If Opener accepts the 3C relay, Responder can rebid a 5-card or longer major, or

pass if they prefer Opener play there.

bid one of Opener's suits to stop in a partscore contract.

bid the fourth suit to show a desire to play there.

1D - 1S

2H - **2NT** (Alert - Lebensohl

3C - **Pass** if you wish to play in clubs

or

3D/3H if you have a preference to play here

If Opener refuses Responder's relay and bids past 3C, he's showing significant extra strength. Responder must keep bidding until game is reached.