

TIP OF THE WEEK: Making the Right Call

Great advice from Don Sac

- Don't forget the reasons why we play bridge (i.e: it's fun, encourages new friendships, and mentally challenging).
- It allows us to set goals that are achievable, then work to accomplish that goal.
- Bridge helps us build wonderful partnerships.
- It helps us deal with the frustration of losing, bad days, and bad results. Remember, having a bad plan is better than having no plan at all.
- Gathering information during bidding, play, and defense helps us improve judgement and logical thinking

4/4 or 5/3 Contract with Patty Tucker



<https://youtu.be/e68Fc5IbHng>

Jack and Bajir from learnbridgeonline.com



<https://youtu.be/yPjX0wOumNQ>

Graeme and Bajir from learnbridgeonline.com

When is a jump to game signing off?



<https://youtu.be/7IQGCy5qV0Q>

Advanced Learners

Larry Cohen and Jeff Meckstroth
3NT or 4H?

A promotional graphic for a video. It features a black bar at the top. Below it, the text 'Larry LIVE!' is written in large blue letters. To the left is a photo of Larry Cohen wearing a blue polo shirt and a baseball cap. To the right is a cartoon caricature of Jeff Meckstroth in a blue suit. In the center, the text 'Twelve Boards plus Postmortem and Q&A' is written in red. Below that, 'Larry Cohen with guest partner Jeff Meckstroth' is written in black. The background has a white and grey geometric design.

<https://youtu.be/SBHENOHbYEc>

**3NT or 4M?
Andrew Robson**



<https://youtu.be/-akzZRjTxU>

**When do you play 3NT with a 4/4 Major suit fit?
Ron Kral**

<https://www.districtsixbridge.org/2019/10/when-do-you-play-3nt-with-a-4-4-major-suit-fit/>

Walsh Style Bidding

Walsh is a bidding style in response to partner's 1C opening.

Opener	Responder
1C	When responder is too weak to force to game, diamond suits are bypassed in favor of major suits, even if they hold a lot of diamonds. 1C - ? AQ54 67 T5432 J4 (Bid: 1D)
	If Responder has 4 diamonds and a 4-card major (10+ points), they still bid their 4-card Major.
	Responder responds 1D if they hold 10+ and longer diamonds than their major. On their second round, they show their major. 1C - 1D 1NT - 2H (F one round)

How is this helpful to Opener? Opener playing 'Walsh style' can focus on describing their hand type on the next round.

- . **With a balanced hand** --> Opener can rebid 1NT with 12-14 or 2NT with 18-19.
- . **With an unbalanced hand** --> Opener can rebid their major if their distribution is 4/4 or 4.4.1.4.

Openers don't have to worry about missing a 4/4 major fit. An additional benefit, is this side a potential Notrump contract in the right hand.

- . **With an unbalanced hand, opener can bid their major.**

Examples

<p>1C - 1D ? -----> KJ93 KJ93 K6 Q87 Bid: 1NT</p> <p>If responder is weak, the 1NT contract is played by the opener. Thus, no information about major holdings are shared with the opponents.</p>	<p>1C - ? AJ97 K7 QJT5 T52</p> <p>Responder bids 1D, and then reverses in his major.</p> <p>1C - 1D 1NT - 2S</p>
<p>1C - 1D 1H -----> Opener's 1H rebid promises an unbalanced hand.</p>	<p>Sources: Robert Todd Larry Cohen</p> <p>Larry Cohen plays it a little differently.</p>

Laura Hollands presents a Walsh Style lesson, in the following Youtube video.

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<https://youtu.be/SENFnlWkrMA>

Laura's Notes on Walsh Style Bidding

Walsh style bidding

Variations in bidding styles do occur. One of the most common variations is Walsh Style bidding.

This is when you open a minor partner bids at the 1 level and if you bid 1NT. What does that promise? Does it deny a four card major? Or if opener rebid 1H/S does that promise an unbalanced hand.

This is because both of these are genuine styles of playing. The Bridge Vid preferred style is that a 1NT rebid promises a balanced hand and may conceal a four card major. This means that a rebid 1H/S Major with an unbalanced hand.

The pros and cons of non Walsh style (four card suits up the line)

If you rebid 1 Major (M) if you have one this easily allows you to play in 2M when you have an 8 card major suit fit. This is a reasonably good feature. Issues sometimes arise when you want to explore which game contract to play in, or if you want to go to slam. This is because it can be hard to find out if partner is balanced or unbalanced. Another downside is that if opponents suddenly start to compete it is very hard to raise partners minor.

The pros and cons of Walsh style (rebidding 1NT if you are balanced)

If you play Walsh style and rebid 1NT with a balanced regardless of having a 4 card major above partners bid you play Walsh style. This means that you only rebid 1H/S when you have an unbalanced hand. This solves many of the problems with non-Walsh but creates another. It can make it harder to play in 2M when you have a fit and 1NT isn't a good contract. It can also make it harder to find your 4-4 Major fit when you want to go to game. Both of those issues are significant, here is how you can solve them.

If you have 4-5 Diamonds and a Major when partner opens 1C:

- If you have 6-9 HCP (a hand that will not want to invite game if partner has a weak NT (11-14HCP) bid your major first even if you have 5 diamonds. This is because you aren't strong enough to bid again if partner bids 1NT. This is giving preference to finding a 4-4 Major fit compared to a diamond fit.
- If you have 11+ points you can bid 1D. This is because even if partner bids 1NT you are strong enough to make an invitational bid. This will allow you to then find out if you do have a 4-4 Major fit.

2 way checkback is a great convention to play with Walsh style bidding

