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LESSON SUMMARY

OPENING LIGHT IN 3rd SEAT and OPENING LIGHT IN 4th SEAT**OPENING LIGHT IN 3RD SEAT**

- ◇ Partner has passed.
- ◇ Your RHO has passed.
- ◇ You do not have an opening hand.
- ◇ 4th seat may be waiting to pounce.

SHOULD YOU OPEN LIGHT?

In 3rd seat, always try to open light if you can.

Light is a hand that would not normally be suitable for a 1st or 2nd seat opening.

Points-wise it may be about 8-12 HCP.

To open light in 3rd seat check that

- ✓ You have a good reason:
Obstructive, Lead-Directing or for the Contract? One of these is enough.
- ✓ It is fairly safe:
You can handle any other bid Responder makes – because you are going to PASS next.
Sometimes vulnerability is also a consideration (see Handout).

When you open light in 3rd you must PASS whatever partner says.¹

RESPONDER

- ✓ Bids are almost the same except a new suit at the two-level must be 5+ cards but can be less than 10 HCP.
- ✓ Use 2C DRURY to show a Major fit and an invitational hand – keeps it low.

DRURY has many versions. 2C DRURY in our lesson is simple and basic. If Opener was light, simply return to two of the Major if Responder says 2C DRURY. If not light, bid a new suit.

OPENING LIGHT IN 4th SEAT

- ◇ All others have passed.
- ◇ You do not have an opening hand.
- ◇ You can open or pass the hand in.

SHOULD YOU OPEN LIGHT?

In 4th seat it is a completely different kettle of fish. If you open, it allows the opposition to start competing. The hand with the spades will be able to compete at the cheapest level.

To open light in 3rd seat check that you make the Rule of 15

RULE OF 15 (PEARSON'S POINTS)

HCP + number of spades = 15 then OPEN. Otherwise PASS.

- ◇ DRURY can also be used by Responder when partner opens in 4th seat - shows a Major fit and an invitational hand.

¹ Unless Responder bids 2C DRURY – then return to 2 of your Major.