

# Bid or Not to bid?

- **Forcing or Not?**
- **Misfits**
- **Competitive bidding**

# **Bridge is all about You and your Partner**

- **You need to be on the same page**
  - **Bidding**
  - **Defense**
- **Supportive of each other**
- **It takes effort and chemistry**
- **And Hard work too**

**One area of study; what bids are forcing?**

# What bids are forcing?

**Standard bids, often need to be alerted**

**Strong 2C opening**

**Stayman: 1NT – 2C**

**Transfers: 1NT – 2D (transfer to H), 1NT – 2H**

**Jacoby: 1H/1S – 2NT 4 card support and an opening hand**

**Multi – 2D (long major or 20-22 points balance)**

**Michaels Cue Bid: (1C) – 2C (both majors), (1H) – 2H (S & minor)**

**Unusal NT: (1S) – 2NT (2 lowest unbid suits, here; both minors)**

**Bergen Raises:**

**1H/1S – 3C 4 card support 6-9 points**

**1H/1S – 3D 4 card support 10-12 points**

**1H/1S – 2S/3H Jump in other major (3 card support 10-12 hcp)**

**Cue bid of opponents suit during competitive auctions**

# During our own bidding

**“Forcing” = you must bid again, as your side is still looking for either a fit, or the correct level to play the hand**

**“New” suits at 1 level are forcing: 1C – 1S, 1D – 1H – 1S**

**“old” suits are not: 1D – 1S – 2D**

**No Trumps are not: 1NT, 1D – 1NT, 1C – 1H – 1NT**

**Jump in new suits are forcing: 1H – 1S – 3C**

**A new lower ranking suit is not forcing 1H – 1S – 2C**

***Nothing* is forcing by a “passed Hand”**

**A tip:**

**If you are not sure if partners bid is forcing or not, assume it is and **BID SOMETHING !!****

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ K Q T 5 4

♥ A 6

♦ K 9 7 6

♣ 8 6

## Partner

♠ J 7

♥ T 7 5 2

♦ Q J 5

♣ A 9 5 4

Bidding:

## You

1S

2D

## Partner

1NT

2S

this is not forcing, 6-9 points

Partner gives "False Preference"

**A Tip:**

It is better to play in **5-2 fit** rather than a **4-3 fit**

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ K Q T 9 7

♣ K J 8 6

## Partner

♠ J 9 7 5 3

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ J 5

♣ A 4

Bidding:

## You

1D

2C

## Partner

1S

2D

this is forcing, change of suit & no limit yet

Partner gives "False Preference"

Our 1D – 2C shows at least a 5-4 and not a strong hand.  
Partner shouldn't show his hearts as there is no fit.

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ A Q 7 4 2  
♥ K Q J 6 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ 6

## Partner

♠ K 3  
♥ A T 4  
♦ T 8 6 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3

Bidding:

## You

1S  
2H  
3H

## Partner

1NT  
2S  
4H

this is not forcing, 6-9 points

Partner gives "False Preference"

We show stronger hand and 5 cards in H

Partner initially prefer spades as our hand maybe 5-4. When we bid hearts again it shows a 5-5 or even 6-5 hand with stronger hand so partner now prefers hearts and bids to game

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ A Q 7 4 2  
♥ K Q J 6 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ 6

## Partner

♠ K 3  
♥ A T 4  
♦ T 8 6 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3

**Bidding:**

You

Partner

1S

1NT

this is not forcing, 6-9 points

3H

4H

Our 3H is forcing.

Our jump to 3H shows a very strong hand and 5-5 in S & H.  
Partner will bid game.

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ K 2  
♥ A K T 8 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ K Q J 5

## Partner

♠ Q T 3  
♥ Q 6  
♦ J T 7 4 2  
♣ A 6 3

Bidding:

## You

1H  
2C  
2NT

## Partner

1NT  
2H  
3NT

this is not forcing, 6-9 points  
Partner gives "False Preference"  
Our 2NT bid now shows stronger hand

**We only bid 2NT over 2H to show stronger hand encouraging Partner to raise to 3NT with maximum range.**

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ 3 2  
♥ K 2  
♦ A K J 5 4 3  
♣ K Q J

## Partner

♠ 5 4  
♥ A Q J T 9 4  
♦ 7 6  
♣ A 3 2

Bidding:

## You

1D

3D

4H

## Partner

1H

3H

P

this is forcing, change of suit

Our 3D bid is not technically forcing showing  
16-18 points and 6 diamonds.

Partner 3H bid definitely is forcing. With 2 cards heart support we bid game

# Forcing or not?

## You

♠ Q T 3  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ A Q T 7 4  
♣ 6 3

## Partner

♠ K 8 6 2  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ 6 2  
♣ Q J 5 2

## Bidding:

### You

### Partner

1D

1S

P

P

Partner passes and we open at 3<sup>rd</sup> seat

Partner bids 1S over our 1D opening

We pass with a minimum opening hand

When Partner is a passed hand, we keep the bidding low and no need to bid as partner is a passed hand and *“nothing is forcing by a passed hand”*

## Misfits – Bid or Not?

Would be nice if your side had a good fit on every hand

→ **Life is not like that !!**

No point in constantly telling your partner that you have 6 or 7 cards in your suit, if they tell you the same about their suit!?

→ **Where are you going ?**

**WORST** answer in no trumps → lack of entries

**Sometimes you bid a lot with a little & sometimes a little with a lot**

***Couple of good tips!***

**When you sense a misfit, stop bidding ASAP**

**It is better to *play in long suit of the weaker hand***

→ **Strong hand honors take tricks and long trump suit of the weaker hand scores**

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ 2  
♥ Q T 8  
♦ K Q T 9 8 7  
♣ K Q 7

## Partner

♠ J T 7 6 5 4  
♥ 5 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ A 6 5

### Bidding:

#### You

1D  
2D

#### Partner

1S  
P

2D shows a minimum hand and 6 D cards  
Partner would sense a misfit and pass

Partner may repeat his spades to show a 6 card suit. In this case we will pass

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ 7  
♥ K Q 5 4 3  
♦ K Q T 7  
♣ A 3 2

## Partner

♠ T 9 8 3 2  
♥ 9  
♦ A J 4  
♣ K 6 5 4

Bidding:

You

Partner

1H

1S

2D

P

Partner hand is not strong enough  
to show his club suit

Partner is a passed hand and sense a misfit. Better to pass and play  
in a known 4-3 fit

***A Tip:***

***It is perfectly OK to play in a 5-2 or 4-3 fit at 2 level***

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ 8 2

♥ A K J T 6 5

♦ 8

♣ A 8 7 2

## Partner

♠ A J 7 6 5

♥ 4

♦ J T 6 5 3

♣ Q 6

**Bidding:**

You

Partner

P

1H

1S

Partner should pass knowing we have a 6 card hearts

2H

P

Partner should not bid diamonds and should be happy to play the hearts partscore

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

You

♠ A K Q J 9 5 4

♥ 6

♦ A J T

♣ 6 5

Partner

♠ T

♥ K Q J 8

♦ 6 2

♣ K Q T 9 8 4

**Bidding:**

You

Partner

1C

1S

2C

4S

P

Partner has limited her hand, a minimum  
with 6 clubs

Once we know all that we need to know about partner's hand, we don't want to play anything apart from game in spades

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ 2  
♥ K 6  
♦ K Q T 9 8 7  
♣ K Q T 4

## Partner

♠ Q 8 7 5 4  
♥ Q J 5 4 3  
♦ J 4  
♣ J

### Bidding:

#### You

1D  
2C  
P

#### Partner

1S  
2D  
P

Partner takes us to our first suit

Partner would know that it is a misfit and should keep the bidding as low as possible, giving preference to our first suit

# Misfits – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ 7

♦ A J T 6

♣ J T 9 5

## Partner

♠ A 8 2

♥ A K T 5 3 2

♦ 9

♣ K Q 2

Bidding:

You

Partner

Opponent

1H

(2D)

P

X

We sense a misfit and pass their 2D bid

P

P

Once partner X to show shortage in diamond and a good hand,  
Now it is an opportunity to convert it to a Delicious penalty

# Competitive – Bid or Not?

In competitive bidding, when both sides battling for contract

- It is especially important for partnership to work together
- The biggest message to partner is the size of your trump fit

Establishing size of your trump fit

- **Bid more with a good fit**
- **Bid less without it**

Opponents bidding gives us extra options and bids

- “Cue Bid” to **show strength**, and potential good fit
- **Jump with weak** hands and a fit

Doubles, is it take out or for penalty?

- Treat most low level doubles as takeout
- Partner has **not bid** then your ***X is takeout***
- Partner **has bid** in the auction, your ***X later is for penalty***

# Competitive – Bid or Not?

## Partner

♠ J  
♥ K 6 5 4 2  
♦ Q 4 3 2  
♣ A 7 6

## You

♠ K Q T 9 4 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ T 6  
♣ Q 9 3

## Bidding:

### Partner

P  
P

### Opponent

1D

### You

2S

Partner passes and opponent bids  
1D what we bid?

We make a weak jump over-call with a 6 card spades having two of the top 3 cards and 6-10 points. This is not forcing and partner will pass

# Competitive – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ A Q J  
♥ A K 8 7 3  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ K 2

## Partner

♠ 8 7  
♥ Q J T 2  
♦ 8 2  
♣ Q 9 8 5 4

## Bidding:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>North</u>
	(1D)	1H	(1S)
3H	P	? P	P

The Opponents have opened and responded. Partner is showing a weak preemptive raise. Do not bid to game

# Competitive – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ T 9 7 2

♣ 6

## Partner

♠ K Q J T 9 5 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 8

♣ Q J T

## Bidding:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>North</u>
		P	1C
3S	X	4S	X
P	P	P	

We pass and partner over-call with a preempt 3S bid and south X. With good trumps, raise partner's preempt to game. Although opponents X again, you can actually make it.

# Competitive – Bid or Not?

## You

♠ T 4 3  
♥ Q 8 5 4 3  
♦ K 9  
♣ A T 5

## Partner

♠ 9 7  
♥ A K 7 2  
♦ A T 7 3  
♣ K 9 4

## Bidding:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>North</u>
X	P	3H	1S
4H	P	P	P

Partner X, we jump over partner X to show 9-11 points and possibly a 5 card suit. Partner bid game

# Let's Play

North (Dealer)

Hand 1

♠ K Q T 5 4

♥ A 6

♦ K 9 7 6

♣ 8 6

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ K 4 3

♦ A T 3 2

♣ Q J

♠ A 3

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ 8 4

♣ K T 7 3 2

♠ J 7

♥ T 7 5 2

♦ Q J 5

♣ A 9 5 4

South

# Let's Play

West

Hand 2

♠ J 9 7 5 3

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ J 5

♣ A 4

♠ Q 8 2

♥ K Q T 4

♦ A 8 6

♣ 7 3 2

♠ A K T 6

♥ J 8

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q T 9 4

♠ 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ K Q T 9 7

♣ K J 8 6

East (Dealer)

# Let's Play

South (Dealer)

Hand 3

♠ K 3  
♥ A T 4  
♦ T 8 6 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 8 6  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ A 9 5 4  
♣ A K 9 4

♠ J T 9 5  
♥ 5 3  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ J T 8 2

♠ A Q 7 4 2  
♥ K Q J 6 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ 6

North

# Let's Play

North

Hand 4

♠ K 3  
♥ A T 4  
♦ T 8 6 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 8 6  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ A 9 5 4  
♣ A K 9 4

♠ J T 9 5  
♥ 5 3  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ J T 8 2

♠ A Q 7 4 2  
♥ K Q J 6 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ 6

South (Dealer)

# Let's Play

West (Dealer)

Hand 5

♠ K 2  
♥ A K T 8 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ K Q J 5

♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ 5 2  
♦ A K 5  
♣ T 9 4 2

♠ J 9 8 4  
♥ J 9 7 3  
♦ Q 9 8  
♣ 8 7

♠ Q T 3  
♥ Q 6  
♦ J T 7 4 2  
♣ A 6 3

East

# Let's Play

North (Dealer)

Hand 6

♠ 2  
♥ Q T 8  
♦ K Q T 9 8 7  
♣ K Q 7

♠ A K Q 8  
♥ K J 2  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ J 4 3

♠ 9 3  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ T 9 8 2

♠ J T 7 6 5 4  
♥ 5 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ A 6 5

South

# Let's Play

Dealer (East)

Hand 7

♠ 7  
♥ K Q 5 4 3  
♦ K Q T 7  
♣ A 3 2

♠ K Q J 5  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ Q J T 7

♠ A 6 4  
♥ A J T 8 2  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ 9 8

♠ T 9 8 3 2  
♥ 9  
♦ A J 4  
♣ K 6 5 4

West

# Let's Play

Dealer (South)

Hand 8

♠ 8 2  
♥ A K J T 6 5  
♦ 8  
♣ A 8 7 2

♠ K Q T  
♥ Q 7 3  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ J 5 4 3

♠ 9 4 3  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ K Q 4 2  
♣ K T 9

♠ A J 7 6 5  
♥ 4  
♦ J T 6 5 3  
♣ Q 6

North

# Let's Play

Dealer (West)

Hand 9

♠ T  
♥ K Q J 8  
♦ 6 2  
♣ K Q T 9 8 4

♠ 6 2  
♥ A 7 4 3  
♦ Q 9 7 5 3  
♣ 3 2

♠ 8 7 3  
♥ T 9 5 2  
♦ K 8 4  
♣ A J 7

♠ A K Q J 9 5 4  
♥ 6  
♦ A J T  
♣ 6 5

East

# Let's Play

North

Hand 10

♠ J  
♥ K 6 5 4 2  
♦ Q 4 3 2  
♣ A 7 6

♠ A 7 3  
♥ A T 7  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ T 8 4 2

♠ 8 6 5  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ A K 8 7  
♣ K J 5

(Dealer East)

♠ K Q T 9 4 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ T 6  
♣ Q 9 3

South (East)

# Let's Play

North

Hand 11

♠ 8 7  
♥ Q J T 2  
♦ 8 2  
♣ Q 9 8 5 4

♠ K 5 4 3 2  
♥ 9 4  
♦ Q 9 5 4  
♣ J T

♠ T 9 6  
♥ 6 5  
♦ A K J T  
♣ A 7 6 3

Dealer (East)

♠ A Q J  
♥ A K 8 7 3  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ K 2

South

# Let's Play

North

♠ K Q J T 9 5 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 8

♣ Q J T

♠ 2

♥ T 5 4

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ T 9 7 2

♣ 6

South

Hand 12

Dealer (West)

♠ 3

♥ A Q J 3

♦ Q J 5 4

♣ 9 8 4 3

# Let's Play

## North

♠ 9 7  
♥ A K 7 2  
♦ A T 7 3  
♣ K 9 4

♠ A K J 6 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ Q 6 2  
♣ Q 7 6

♠ T 4 3  
♥ Q 8 5 4 3  
♦ K 9  
♣ A T 5

## South

## Hand 13

## Dealer (West)

♠ Q 8  
♥ J T 9  
♦ J 8 5 4  
♣ J 8 3 2