

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 SOMTHING !!

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

1S
3H

Partner

1NT
4H

this is not forcing, 6-9 points
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

P

Partner passes and we open at 3rd seat

P

1S

Partner bids 1S over our 1D opening

P

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

P

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

2H

P

Partner should pass knowing we have a 6 card hearts

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

2 C

4 S

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

Partner

1D

1S

Partner takes us to our first suit

2C

2D

P

P

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

Opponent

You

P
P

1D

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>
			1S
X	P	3H	P
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