

## SEMINAR 7 NOTES



### SPLINTER BIDS

### BERGEN RAISES COMBINED WITH SPLINTER BIDS

### SPLINTER BIDS

An artificial bid.

Show a void or singleton in a suit.

Shown by making a double jump shift response

1H – 4C = void or singleton in clubs (Do not alert – bid is beyond 3NT)

1S – 4D = void or singleton in diamonds (“)

1C – **3S** = void or singleton in spades (Alert – bid below 3NT)

Using splinters for the first time – a splinter on the way to GAME.

Use in response to major suit openers only 1H/1S

For you to use this splinter, 3 conditions of your hand must apply.

You MUST have:

1. 4 card support for p's opening major suit
2. 10-13 HCP
3. A singleton or void

You are showing your shortage on the way to game.

Try these: P open 1H what do you respond?

a.	b.	c.	d.
AQ54	KQ4	AJ873	J87
KQ43	AJ84	532	KQ873
5	98652	6	---
8743	---	AK84	J8765
4D	4C	1S	4H

How do shortages work?

P opens 1S and then shows you a void in Ds.

Which of these hands would you prefer?

A765	A765
432	KQJ
AKQ	432
432	432

SHORTAGE opposite WEAKNESS is GOOD

SHORTAGE opposite STRENGTH is BAD

How do shortages work?

P opens 1S and then shows you a void in Ds.

A765	A765
432	KQJ
AKQ	432
432	432

P holds: S KQJ982 H A765 D - C A76

You need all your points working for you.

None wasted in the short suit.

This may take a while to get your head around.

When p uses a splinter- you re-evaluate your hand.

A in the short suit now counts for only 2 pts.

Other honours in short suit – zero.

Add in distribution points

Re-evaluate these after an auction 1S – 4C

AQ874	KQ763	KQJ73	AK9863
K4	4	Q4	A84
AQ3	AKJ8	832	---
763	983	AKJ	9854

16TP	16TP	10TP	16TP
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Your new magic number in your life is:

26

TOTAL POINTS

(HCP AND DISTRIBUTION)

P has promised you 10HCP as a minimum.

Add on to 10 your re-evaluated number.

If you get to 26 – slam is worth investigating.

Eg.

AQJ86	1S	4D
Q2	?	
KQ2		
KJ7		

Bid 4S – 13TP (the Ds don't count). You need 3 more for slam.

Eg.

AK4	1H	4C
KQJ643	?	
6		

983

Bid 4NT, going to slam if p has 2 aces. The hands fit well: you have nothing in p's short suit.

Your 16TP ensures at least 26TP

You open 1H, p responds 4C, what do you bid?

K4	4	Q4	A84
AQ875	KQ763	KQJ73	AK9863
AQ3	AKJ8	Q32	---
763	983	AKJ	9854
16TP	16TP	12TP	16TP
4NT	4NT	4H	4S (later)

If opponent's come in with an overcall

Splinters are OFF

First time you use a splinter, expect to be left in a 3 card fit!!!

## BERGEN RAISES – THE SEQUEL!!!

We learned first time about how to show an 8 card fit and a 9 card fit in a major suit.

1H - 3H	0-6
1H - 3C	7-10
1H - 3D	10-12
1H - 2NT	13+

We learned the rebids after a 2NT strong response:

4 of a new suit shows 6/5 shape  
3 of agreed suit 17+ pts  
3NT = 15/16 pts  
4 of agreed suit – minimal opener (12-14)

Working solely from the 2NT bid

We are now going to show shortages to p.

A new suit bid at the 3 level will now show a splinter bid, either a void or singleton in the suit bid. ALERT!!!

Eg.

1H - 2NT - 3C

Hearts is the agreed trump suit

The 3C bid = shortage, void or singleton

Re-evaluate your hand! 26TP MAGIC NUMBER!!

Eg.

AJ7	1H	2NT
KQ65	3C	?
A4		
9865		

15TP plus p promised 12HCP = 27

Bid 6H (after checking not 2 aces out)

Eg

KQ54	1S	2NT
AKQ6	3H	?
K6		
763		

11TP plus p's 12 is short of the magic 26

Bid 4S

P opens 1S, you bid 2NT, p rebids 3D what now?

KQ63	AQ65	AJ94	AQJ7
97	A3	A43	K7
K63	9854	AK6	985
AJ87	A63	J85	K983

4S	6S	4S	4NT
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Eg

A7

K987	1H	2NT
AK65	3NT	?
A65		

Bid 6H. Your 19TP plus p's 15-16 ensure 33TP.  
No need to dally!!

Eg.

AKJ5	1S	2NT
KQ5	4S	?
A65		
J87		

Pass. Pity, but p is showing a minimum with no shortage and there are not 33TP