

## SEMINAR 2 NOTES



### FIVE CARD MAJOR STAYMAN – ALERTABLE BID

A different system asks a different question.

Three parts to your new Stayman question:

- a) Do you have a 5 card major?
- b) If you do not have a 5 card major, do you have a 4 card major?
- c) Give me your point range?

**2C** enquiry promises 7 points (pts)

REMEMBER!! Enquire with a 3 card major

All 2 level replies say 15-16 pts

**2D** = I do not have a 5CM. I do have 1 or 2 4CM

**2H** = I have 5Hs

**2S** = I have 5Ss

**2NT** = I do not have a 5CM nor a 4CM

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**3S** = I have 5Ss

**3NT** = I do not have a 5CM nor a 4CM

Examples:

1NT – **2C** – **2H** - ?

With 3Hs and minimum pts – pass

With 3Hs consider your shape and bid game if enough pts and shape

Without 3Hs, and minimum pts, bid 2NT – sign off

Without 3Hs but enough for game – bid 3NT

Examples:

1NT – **2C** – **2S** - ?

With 3S and minimum pts – pass

With 3S and more than minimum pts, consider your shape and bid game if enough pts and shape

Without 3S, and minimum pts, bid 2NT – sign off

Without 3S but enough for game – bid 3NT

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 2NT - ?

With minimum pts – pass

Think about where the best contract lies.

NTs or a minor?

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 3NT

Unless remarkable shape, pass.

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 2D - ?

The difficult one.

P may have one or both 4CM

Here's the tricky bit ....

Bid the 4 card major YOU DO NOT HAVE

If you have BOTH, bid Hs.

Examples:

Why am I bidding the suit I do not have?

So p knows which suit I do have, and gets to bid it so plays with the stronger hand hidden.

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2H

Says to p – I may have Hs, but I do have Ss.

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2H – 2NT – p is telling you –

Your Ss are no good to me. My 4 card suit was Hs. We had better be in NT if you haven't got Hs.

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2H – 2NT – 3H

Tells p, no it's okay, I have two 4 card majors but I was only invitational in points.

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2H – 2NT – 4H

Tells p, no it's okay, I have two 4 card majors and we have game points.

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2S

Tells p, I have a 4 card Hs suit

Denies a 4 card S suit

If p bids 2NT p is telling you – my suit was Ss.

1NT – 2C – 2D – 2S – 2NT – 3NT

We have game points. No fit in Hs so go NT

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 3D – 3H - ?

3H bid confirms 4S, may have 4Hs too.

1NT – 2C – 3D – 3H – 3NT

P is telling you – I don't have Ss. My 4 card major was Hs. Better be in NT unless you have Hs as well?

4Hs – I had Hs as well Pass - No just Ss

Examples:

1NT – 2C – 3D – 3S

Telling p you have 4Hs but denies 4S

If p bids 3NT saying I had Ss we had better be in NT

If p bids 4H – confirming holds 4H and found fit

## TRANSFERS – AN ALERTABLE BID

Opener bids 1NT

Responder bids:

**2D** – I hold at least 5 Hs, bid Hs

1NT – **2D** (TRANSFER) – rebid 2H

No idea whether p weak or strong

## TRANSFERS

Open 1NT

**2H** – I hold at least 5 Ss, bid Ss

1NT – **2H** (transfer to S) – 2S

No idea whether p is weak or strong

## TRANSFERS

Open 1NT

**2S** – I hold at least 6 in a minor and am weak. Bid 3C and I will pass or correct

I am making this bid as a weakness take out at the three level.

1NT – **2S** (transfer to minor) – **3C** – [Pass or 3D]

I have effected a transfer, now what?

1.

Weakness takeout – responder will pass.

Eg. 1NT – 2D (transfer) – 2H – Pass

2.

Invitational in suit

Eg. 1NT – 2D (transfer) – 2H – 3H

I hold 6 Hs, I have 7/8 pts. If you are maximum, bid game.

3.

Invitational in suit or NTs

Eg. 1NT – 2D (transfer) – 2H – 2NT

I hold 5Hs only, I have 7/8 pts. Choose if you want Hs or NTs and the level we are to play at.

Eg. 1NT – 2D – 2H – 2NT – 3H = I am minimal, I have 3+ Hs, signing off in 3Hs.

Eg. 1NT – 2D – 2H – 2NT – Pass = You have struck my doubleton, I am minimum, I choose NT

Eg. 1NT – 2D – 2H – 2NT – 4H = I have 3+ Hs, I am maximum, I am going to game in the suit.

EG. 1NT – 2D – 2H – 2NT – 3NT = You have struck my doubleton, I am maximum, I am going to game in NT

4.

Bid to game in transfer suit (If you know ... go!)

Eg. 1NT – 2D (transfer) – 2H – 4H

I hold 6 Hs and we have game points.

5. Bid to game, giving option of NTs

Eg. 1NT – 2D (transfer) – 2H – 3NT

I hold 5Hs and game points. Pick NTs or suit.

Other bidding responses to 1NT

1NT – 3C/D = p we have game pts.

I have at least 6 of a minor. I cannot see a certain outside entry in my hand, what do you want to do?

## TRANSFERS AND THE SUPER ACCEPT (**Optional** extra learning for Nesting Pairs)

I have asked my p to transfer and they have bid something else!!!  
What does it mean???  
SUPER ACCEPT!!!

### THE SUPER ACCEPTS – ALERTABLE BIDS

1NT – **2D** (transfer to Hs) – **2NT!!!!**

I have 17/18 pts

I have 4Hs

I do not have an outside doubleton (flat)

Q. What do I do now???

A. Rebid your fake suit **3D** – says - p bid the agreed suit of 3H

Then ... pass – Even if you are strong I am weak

4H – we are off to game and you are playing it!

4C/4NT – I'm so excited, I'm ace asking!!

### THE SUPER ACCEPTS – ALERTABLE BIDS

1NT – **2D** (transfer to Hs) – **2S/3C/3D**

I have 17/18 pts

I have 4Hs

I have an outside doubleton in S/C/D (shape)

Q. What do I do now???

A. Bid fake suit **3D** – says - p bid agreed suit 3H

Then ... pass – despite good news, can't see game.

4H – let's go to game p you play it.

4C/4NT – I'm so excited, I'm ace asking!!

And if p bid 3D? Bid 3H – sign off in your suit.

Bid 4H – go to game

Bid 4C/4NT – to ace ask

## THE SUPER ACCEPTS – ALERTABLE BIDS

1NT – **2H** (transfer to Ss) – **2NT**

I am at maximum, 17/18 pts

I have 4Ss

I have no outside doubleton. (flat)

Q. What do I do now???

A. Bid your fake suit **3H** – says - bid 3S partner.

Then ... pass – despite good news, can't see game.

4S – let's go to game p you play it

4C/4NT – I'm so excited, I'm ace asking!!

## THE SUPER ACCEPTS – ALERTABLE BIDS

1NT – **2H** (transfer to Ss) – **3C/D/H**

I am at maximum, 17/18 pts

I have 4Ss

I have an outside doubleton in C/D/H (shape)

Q. What do I do now????

A. Bid your fake suit again – **3H** – p bid 3S

Pass – despite good news, can't see game.

4S – let's go to game p you bid the agreed suit

4C/4NT – I'm so excited, I'm ace asking!!

And if p bid 3H? Bid 3S – sign off in your suit.

Bid 4S – go to game

Bid 4C/4NT – ace asking

## ALERTING

Any bid that does not carry a natural meaning or is giving your p additional information – the ops are entitled to know. Therefore you must **ALERT** the highlighted bids.

### Explanations:

2C – Puppet Stayman

“My partner may not be holding a 4 card major to make this Stayman enquiry and holds at least 7 pts”

Ops are entitled to expect the person using Stayman to hold 4 cards in at least one major. If you are using Puppet Stayman you must alert the 2C bid.

Transfer – “My partner holds at least 5 (name transfer suit)”

If you play Super Accepts – the acceptance of any transfer must be alerted eg:

1NT – 2D – 2H

Explanation of the 2H alert:

“This the weakest form of acceptance of the transfer. Our system allows for stronger options”

Remember – if you do not alert – you may be penalised by the director if the ops are damaged.