

## Delayed Overcalls

This subject has been looked at before but this revisit will examine the bids in more detail.

To remind you .....

if you were second to speak with this hand after the opponents had opened 1C :-

A4  
K10876  
Q532  
J3

e.g	N	(you)	S	W
	1C	?		

it is generally agreed that an *initial* overcall has little to recommend it ie the Hearts are not particularly good nor particularly long , the points are modest and the shape only average.  
Anybody who overcalls on this hand *initially* is either a beginner or pretty desperate.

BUT - the better player knows that there may yet be a chance to bid on this hand, *depending on how the auction develops*.

Suppose the auction goes like this :-

e.g	N	(you)	S	W
	1C	Pass	2C	Pass
	Pass	?		

And NOW you should definitely ( 100% of the time ) overcall with a bid of 2H.  
This delayed overcall has quite a lot going for it.

- i)The opponents are limited ( in points) and it is almost a certainty that your partner will provide something like 10 pts { and maybe quite a few more }
- ii) Your partnership is very very likely to have an 8 card fit somewhere {there is a mathematical proof that I could show you to prove this. I won't!}
- iii)The opponents were probably going to make their contract of 2C. By bidding 2H now ( even if you go down ) will have robbed the opponents of a partscore bonus.
- iv)You may push the opponents out of their comfort zone ( of 2C). They may go to 3C and go down. They might pass 2H and you make.

The bid of 2H in expert circles is automatic.

You should be persuaded by all that { yes , whatever the vulnerability }.

Over the page we will see how far we should take these *delayed overcalls*.