

Practise hands - these were some of the types of hand played this week :

Strong take out of 1NT

- 1) 1NT -----3Sp  
3NT ----- Pass.

Ax	KQxxx
KQx	xx
xxx	AJxx
KJxxx	Ax

*Opener's rebid of 3NT says (only) that opener has only 2 spades; it does not promise "stops" in every suit.*

Strong take out of 1NT using transfers

- 1)i 1NT -----2H  
2S -----3D  
3NT-----Pass.

Ax	KQxxx
KQx	xx
xxx	AJxx
KJxxx	Ax

*The transfer sequence is longer and responder is able to show they are 5-4 in spades and diamonds. Opener will always bid 3NT with only 2 spades*

2) Jump in same suit by opener

- 1Sp----- 1NT  
3Sp-----4Sp.

AQJxxx	xxx
Kxx	Axxx
x	KJxx
KQx	Jx

*Opener's jump rebid shows a six card suit and a hand with approximately 15/16 pts. The bid is not forcing but responder will usually go to game with 8/9 pts.*

3) Check back bid after opener has rebid 2NT

- 1H -----2C  
2NT-----3H  
4H-----Pass.

Axx	Kx
KJxxx	Axx
KQJ	xxx
Jx	Axxxx

*Responder "checks back" to see if opener has a five card major; opener holding 5 Hrts goes on to the 4H game. Had opener only held 4 Hrts they would have bid 3NT over the checkback bid.*

4) Reverse bid by opener

- 1D-----1S  
2H-----3NT

Kx	Qxxx
AJxx	xx
KQJxx	Axx
Kx	QJxx

*Opener bids their suits upwards, forcing partner to make a choice that may have to be made at the three level; the reverse promised 5-4 in shape and 17+ pts. Responder holding 9 pts bids the obvious game.*

5) Strong jump t/out into a minor suit after 1NT

- 1NT -----3C  
4C-----6C

Kxx	Axx
AQxx	x
QJxx	AKx
Jxxx	AKxxxx

*Responder's strong jump into a minor suit was a slam try. The bid of 3C ( or 3D) shows 17+points ( approx) and a good long suit. Opener's raise of the minor is an acceptance of the slam try. { Had opener held a less suitable hand they would have signed off in 3NT}.*