

We have seen that you might open with less points in 3rd seat.  
 There are also times that you might open with *more* points than is normal in this seat.  
 Look at this hand :

x  
 KQJxxxxx  
 AQ  
 xx

In 1st or 2nd position you would have to open 1H to see what partner replied.  
 There might be chances of a slam and 1H is the right first bid. It would be totally  
 wrong to open 4H as partner would pass even if they had an opening hand themselves.

Now in 3rd position { and 4th , come to that } there is really no chance of getting  
 to a slam. Partner will already have passed and so won't have enough values to get  
 to six.

A sensible opening bid in these seats is therefore to open 4H.

ie N            E            S            W  
    P            P            4H

It is precisely because partner has already passed that it is reasonable to bid your  
 preempt with more points than is usual.

What is the point in that you ask ? Well , an opening of 4H will shut the opponents out;  
 if you did open the "correct" opening bid of 1H you might well find that the opponents  
 overcall and might even find a profitable sacrifice.

Here is the full hand which South manages to buy in 4H { by opening 4H }.  
 South will probably make 10 tricks ; meanwhile E/W can make 4 Sp.

N	E	S	W
P	P	4H	P
xxx	Qxxx	x	AKJxx
Ax	x	KQJxxxxx	xx
xxx	Kxxx	AQ	Jxxx
Qxxxx	Kxxx	xx	AJ

Such hands are actually not uncommon with both sides being able to make game.  
 If South had opened 1H then West would overcall 1Sp and might well take the contract  
 off South.

How far you want to take this is up to you.

xx ----AKQJxxx -----AQJ ----x

is pretty close to an Acol Two Hearts opening. In 3rd { or 4th seat } though you might  
 find a tactical *barrage* bid of 4H will be a more effective opening.

