



# The jump support by the responder shows at least 4 trumps but less than 10HCP

The opener's choice of rebids:

- With a first-zone hand (12-14HCP), it all depends on the quality of the hand: the aces, the intermediate cards, where the honors are placed, the distribution etc....PASS or go to game
- With a second-zone hand the opener:
  - with no hope of slam calls game
  - starts the controls
- With a third-zone hand: controls, Blackwood or Josephine...according to his hand.



Problem E1681 With a hand in the 1st zone and 10 trumps, only go to game not slam.



Problem E9104. With this strong hand you only want to know if your P controls ♣. Start the controls.





#### With a first-zone hand, the opener

- calls game with a good quality hand, i.e. containing one or two aces, good intermediate cards and either well-placed honors or an interesting distribution or both.
- calls game with 10 trumps in the team
- passes with a weak hand.

The key to success at this stage is to correctly assess your hand. A 12HCP hand can often be worth much more than a 14HCP hand...



Problem E5213 PASS no aces at all, no 9's or 10's, honors in the doubleton and dispersed, and a balanced hand (5332)



Problem E5214 4 hearts with 13HCP in a good-quality hand: a 5431 distribution, the honors concentrated in the 2 suits and the two major aces.

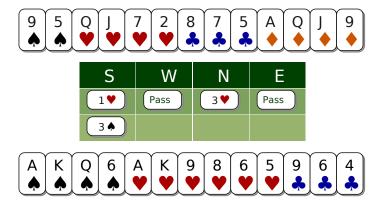




### Hoping for slam: the controls

The opener starts the controls by calling his first controlled suit :

- 3 spades or 4 clubs if hearts are trumps
- 4 clubs if spades are trumps and he controls the clubs
- 3NT if spades are trumps and he doesn't have club control. This "impossible" bid (since a strong spade fit has been found) avoids going to the five level for the club control



Problem E5210 3 spades to start the controls. With this hand, all you need to know is whether your partner controls the clubs!





### Holding all the controls, the opener can ask for slam in several ways:

- Blackwood: 4 NT
- Slam proposal by calling 5 in the opening major. This asks: "if you have strong trumps we can call slam"
- Josephine: 5NT. This asks the responder to call grand slam with 2 high honors in trumps. If not, to call slam.



#### Problème E5063

5 spades. Slam proposal. The responder will call slam if he has strong trumps.