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With a 4441 distribution and 15-17HCP and only if the suit with the singleton honor proves to be a major problem when rebidding open 1NT ! A non-standard opening, but extremely efficient.

If you open the hand below with a 1 ♦ bid, what's your next bid going to be after a 1 ♠ bid from your P ?

A rebid shows :

- 1 NT - 12-14HCP and you have 16 HCP !
- 2 NT - 18-19HCP...
- 2 ♥ - strong two-suiter ...18HCP or more and 5 ♦ cards.
- 2 ♣ - 5 ♦ cards and 4 ♣ cards

S				W				N				E			
1 NT															

K	A	Q	9	4	Q	J	8	4	K	J	9	6
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E9918 In South's seat with this distribution, bid like a world-class player and open 1 NT !



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Even if you have the singleton and you are playing NT, the risk on the lead is limited : Opp isn't going to lead the ace in the suit of your singleton ... because he doesn't have the King

Be careful not to do this all the time. Reserve this non-standard bid for distributions that will prove difficult to bid on the next round.

S	W	N	E
1 ♦			

A	K	10	4	K	K	5	4	3	A	10	8	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E9921 : Here, no wild bids ! Open 1 ♦ : the response bid of 1 ♥ won't be a problem. You can continue with a 1 ♠ bid without any trouble.

S	W	N	E
1 NT			

A	Q	10	A	J	10	Q	9	5	4	3	2	K
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

Problem E9920 Don't open 1 ♣. The honor values don't offer the possibility of a 3 ♣ jump bid.