

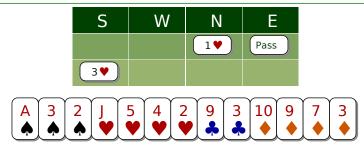
Bergen raises.

There are 4 types of Bergen Raises:

- 1-3 A "Constructive" raise, showing 7-10 points and exactly 4-card trump support.
- 2-3 ♦ A "Limit" raise, showing 10-12 points and exactly 4-card trump support.
- 3- 3 in the agreed major A "Preemptive" raise, showing 0-6 points and exactly 4-card trump support.
- 4- 3 in the unbid major An "ambiguous splinter" raise. An unbalanced, game-forcing raise promising 12+ points and 4-card trump support, with an undisclosed singleton or void. With a balanced game-forcing raise, use the Jacoby 2NT convention instead.



Problem E40027 3♣ A "Constructive" raise, showing 7-10 points and exactly 4-card trump support.



Problem E40029 3♥ A "Preemptive" raise, showing 0-6 points and exactly 4-card trump support





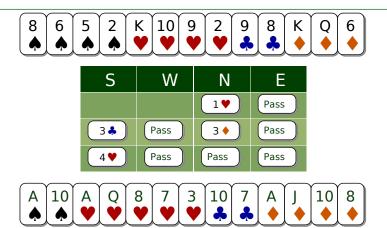
Opener's rebids after 3♣ ('Constructive raise')

The focus is to determine wether or not to play game :

- 1-3 in agreed major is a sign off with a minimum hand.
- 2-3 in a suit lower than agreed major $(3 \blacklozenge, \text{ or } 3 \blacktriangledown \text{ if agreed major is } \spadesuit)$, is a help suit trial bid. Responder will bid 4 with values in that suit or conclude at 3 otherwise
- 3- A new suit above the agreed major Shows a 3rd zone hand with slam interest and a control. ... and asks Responder to show his next control, below the 4 level in the agreed major
- 4-4 in agreed major is a sign off at game, with a maximum hand.



Problem E40035 3♥ Sign off with a minimum hand



Problem E40040 3♦ Help suit game try. Responder, with a nice ♦ support accepts the invite and bids game

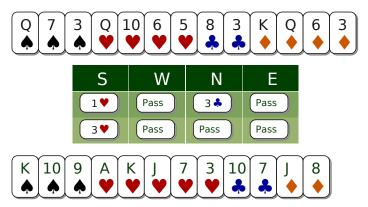




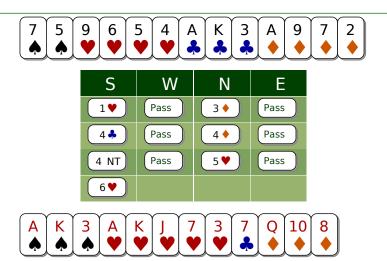
Opener's rebids after 3♦ ('Limit raise')

The focus is to determine at which level the contract should be player :

- 1-3 in agreed major is a sign off with a minimum hand.
- 2-3 ♥ (if agreed major is ♠) is a help suit trial bid. Responder will bid 4 with values in that suit or conclude at 3 otherwise
- 3- A new suit above the agreed major Shows a strong hand with slam interest and a control. ... and asks Responder to show his next control, below the 4 level in the agreed major
- 4-4 in agreed major is a sign off at game, with a not minimum hand.



Problem E40170 3♥ With a minimum regular hand, opener rebids at minimum level...



Problem E40171 4♣ With Shows a control in ♣ and slam ambitions... and wants to know if responder has a ♦ control... leading to a smll slam final contract





Responses to 3COpener's rebids after an 'Ambiguous splinter' ($1 \checkmark -3 \land$ or 1PI- $3 \checkmark$)

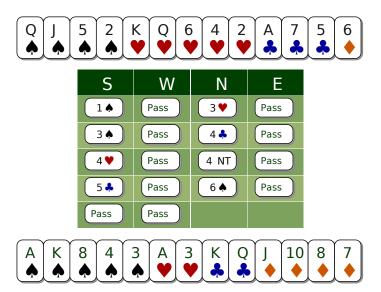
After that game forcing response, Opener can rebid :

- 1- 4 in agreed major is a sign off with a minimum hand.
- 2-Ask for the suit of the shortness (with potential slam interest)

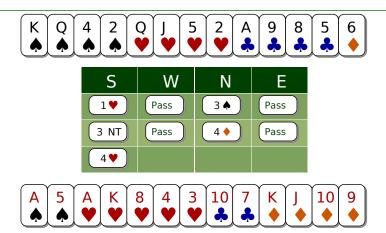
After 1CO-3♠, 3NT asks responder to show his shortness : 4♣ for ♣, 4♦ for ♦ and 4♥ for ♠

After 1PI-3♥, 3♠ asks responder to show his shortness: 3NT for ♣, 4♣ for ♦ and 4♦ for ♥

He can then decide wether to sign off at game or make a slam attempt...



Problem E40015 3♥ showing game force, a 4 card fit and a shortness. Opener relays to find out the short suit and responder shows ♦... helping Opener bid a very good slam



Problem E40041: 3♠ showing game force, a 4 card fit and a shortness. Opener relays to find out the short suit and responder shows ♦... Not what opener was hoping for... he signs off at game.

