



#### The fourth seat reopening bid

Reminder: a reopening bid is made by the opponents after two passes.

After a 1NT opening and two passes, there are about the same number of points on both sides.

Usually, the opener has 16HCP and the responder who passes, 3 or 4HCP (the average is between 0 and 7HCP)

Each side has about 20HCP so the fewer the points of the fourth seat player, the more his partner has, and they are situated after the opener!

The best situation for your side is when the fourth seat has few points.



Exercise E4787 PASS in spite of these 17HCP. They are situated before the opener and your Partner has...nothing!



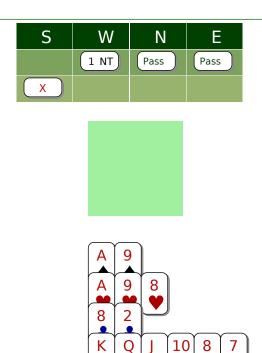


### The various reopening bids:

Bid a strong suit with an unbalanced hand. 2 club Landy with the two majors, generally 5-4. 2NT with the two minors, generally 5-5 the Jaïs double with a long, strong suit and a side entry to hand.



Exercise E4788 2 A Your Partner has roughly 13HCP ideally situated after the opener!



Exercise E5740 double The Jaïs double, and definitely not 2 hearts. If your Partner brings you 2 tricks they go down by -3 doubled!





#### With a two-suiter

When reopening, just as if you were in second seat after a 1NT opening, you can show your two suits to your Partner thanks to the Landy if they are majors (normally at least 5-4) and thanks to the 2NT bid, if they are minors (at least 5-5).



ExerciseE4790 2 A Your Partner has 12HCP in a good position and perhaps a major fit.





### the Jaïs double

After a 1NT opening, use a reopening double to show:

- opening points
- a long, strong suit
- and a side entry to hand

If your Partner is weak, he will pass and try and lead to your suit. If he has absolutely nothing at all, he will bid 2 clubs to allow you to return to your suit if necessary.



Exercise E4791 double To show these long, strong spades and a side entry to hand.