

# Bergen/BROMAD **Simple**

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# What are Bergen Raises?

- Jumps to the 3-level with 4+ trumps after partner's major suit opening
- Based on Law of Total Tricks which indicates that you should be able to compete to the level equal to the number of trumps held by you and partner
- Most players use **Reverse** Bergen Raises.

# Why Use Bergen Raises?

- Bergen raises tell partner about your trump support and your points (within 1) with only one bid.
- Your opponents may not be able to compete safely.
- You may have bid their suit artificially.
- Your partner can judge more accurately when to bid game or to defend.

# What do you give up?

- Strong jump shifts in minors over partner's major opening - **Rarely needed**
- Weak jump shifts in minors over partner's major opening - **Not needed because you can use forcing NT and then bid your minor if you really want to bid it.**
- You have to remember to alert partner's Bergen raises.

# How do they work?

- When holding 4+ trumps **conventionally** raise partner's major suit opening to
- 3 of major with 4-6 HCP (Preemptive)
- 3 Diamonds with 7-9 HCP (Constructive)
- 3 Clubs with 10-12 HCP (Invitational)
- 2NT (Jacoby) with 13+ (Game Forcing)
- **There's more, but that's all you need to remember to take advantage of Bergen Raises!**

# What About Interference?

- Most players do not use Bergen Raises after overcall interference
- But after a double you can use **BROMAD!**
- **B**ergen **R**aises **O**f **M**ajor **A**fter **D**ouble
- You do not have to memorize much more than you already did for Bergen Raises
- Take advantage of opponents double to tell partner even more about your hand

# BROMAD

- After a double of partner's major opening and holding 4 trumps, just bid at the **three level** using the same Bergen bids that you would have used without the double - **Simple**
- If you have only 3 trumps, make the same bids at the **two level** (2C, 2D, 2M) – **Easy to remember**
- Decide if 2NT is Jacoby or natural with stopper(s)

# There's more!

That's all you need to use BROMAD, but if you can remember more consider making use of other bids:

- What does redouble mean?
- What does bidding the other major at the 1, 2 or 3 level mean?
- What does 1NT or 3NT mean?
- What do 4 level suit bids mean?



# Bergen/BROMAD In Summary

Bid	Bergen (Reverse)	BROMAD (after X)
3 of major	4-6 HCP and 4 trumps	4-6 HCP and 4 trumps
3 Diamonds	7-9 HCP and 4 trumps	7-9 HCP and 4 trumps
3 Clubs	10-12 HCP and 4 trumps	10-12 HCP and 4 trumps
2 Notrump	13+ HCP and 4 trumps	13+ HCP and 4 trumps
2 of major	6-9 HCP and 3 trumps	4-6 HCP and 3 trumps
2 Diamonds	10+ HCP and Diamonds	7-9 HCP and 3 trumps
2 Clubs	10+ HCP and Clubs	10-12 HCP and 3 trumps