# Bidding with Strong, Shapely Hands

# Opening Bids with a Single Suit

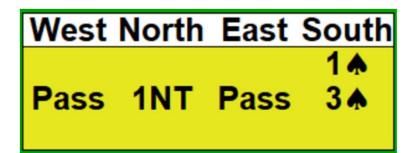
- Think about being descriptive
- Solid suits can play well in 3NT
- Plan your rebid (and don't worry about being "dropped")

# Strong Single-Suited Rebids after Opening 1-level

- Jump rebid to 3-of your suit is 16-18
- Jump rebid to 4-of-your-suit is a hand just too good for a 4M preempt (only majors)
- Jump to 3NT shows a source of tricks (usually a solid 7-card suit) and control in the other suit
- Jump-shift is game forcing, can be a big 1-suited hand (might also open 2C)

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠







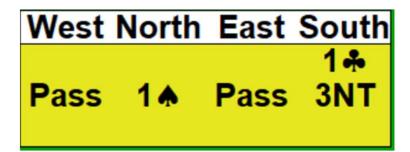
West North East South ?

West North East South

1♣

Pass 1NT Pass 3♣





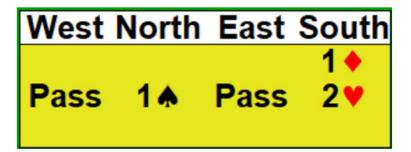


West	North	East	South
	2 💠		2*



# Opening With Big 2-Suited Hands

- Bid longest first generally
- Avoid 2C Opening--- unlikely to pass out





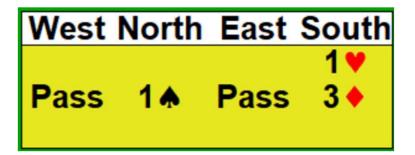
West North East South ?

West North East South
1♥

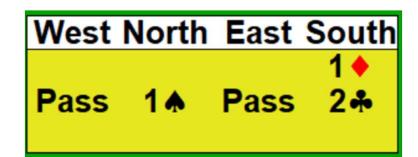
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1 ◆
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ◆









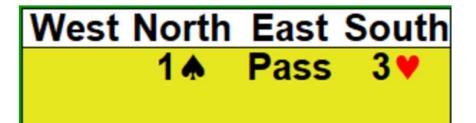


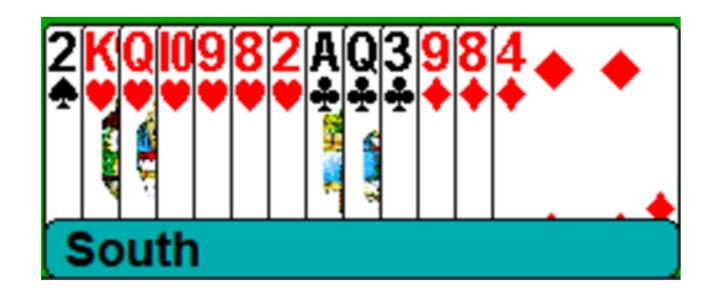
# Big, Shapely Hands when Partner Opens

- Re-evaluate based on partner's bids
- Find a major first
- Shortness in partner's suit tends to be a drawback

West North East South

1♣ Pass ?



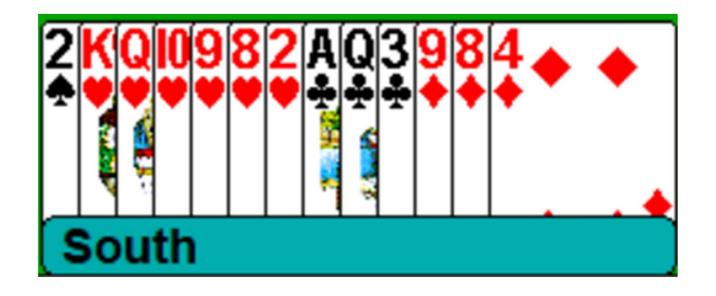


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West North East South

1♣ Pass 1♥

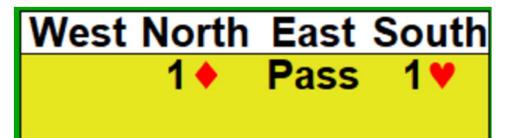
Pass 1NT Pass ?
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West	North	East	South
	1*	<b>Pass</b>	1♥
<b>Pass</b>	1NT	<b>Pass</b>	1 <b>∨</b> 4 <b>∨</b>



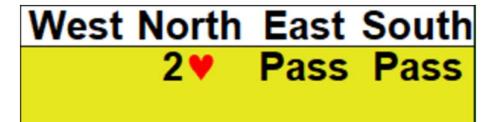
West North East South

1 Pass ?





West North East South 2♥ Pass ?





West North East South 2♠ Pass ?

West North East South
2 ♣ Pass 6 ♣



West North East South
Pass Pass ?

West North East South
Pass Pass 4♣



# When the Opponents Open and You Have a Long Suit or Suits

- Can use Michaels with very strong hands
- Think about whether a power double is worth the risk (of the opponents jumping)
- Jumping after a preempt by the opponents shows a strong hand



