



CLIFTON BRIDGE CLUB

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Some Loose Ends

- 4-4-4-1 Hands
- 1C – 1 NT
- Finding the major fit

4-4-4-1 Hands

Notoriously difficult to deal with

Fortunately not common

You will (probably) need to lie





Lying about a minor is a small crime

Lying about a major is a big crime

With a 4-4-4-1 Hand open a minor

4-4-4-1 Hands

With a 4-4-4-1 hand plan your rebid on the likelihood that partner will respond in your singleton suit, if he doesn't rejoice!

	A 5 4 3
	K J 10 9
	3
	A Q 8 7

WEAK

1 C – 1 D – 1 H
(shows 5 clubs 4 hearts)

1 C – 1 H – 3H





	A K 5 4
	A J 10 9
	3
	A Q 8 7

STRONG


1 C – 1 D – 2H
(Shows 5 clubs 4 hearts forcing)

4-4-4-1 Hands

Sometimes better just to pass

	A 5 4 3
	K J 10 9
	K
	Q 9 8 7

Dealer, vulnerable
pass!





	A 5 4 3
	K J 10 9
	3
	K Q 9 8

Open 1C

Initially downgrade a 4-4-4-1 hand by 1 or 2 points





4-4-4-1 Hands

With 2 minors open a diamond

	3
	K J 5 3
	K J 10 9
	A 9 8 7

WEAK (12-15)

Open 1 Diamond planning to rebid in clubs





	A
	K J 5 3
	K J 10 9
	A K 8 7

STRONG (18+)

Open 1D planning to rebid in hearts

4-4-4-1 Hands

With 2 minors and 16/17 open a Diamond

	Q
	K J 5 3
	K J 10 9
	A K 8 7

INTERMEDIATE 16/17

Open 1 Diamond planning
to rebid in NT eg:
1D – 1S – 1NT

4-4-4-1 Recap





Assuming partner responds in singleton suit

4-4-4-1	2 minors	1 minor
Weak (12-15)	Open 1 D Rebid 2 C	Open 1C/1D Rebid 2C/2D
Intermediate (16-17)	Open 1 D Rebid 1 NT	Open 1C/1D Rebid 1 NT
Strong (18+)	Open 1D Rebid 2 major	Open 1C/1D Rebid 2 major





Unless a fit is found 4-4-4-1 hands are worth less

1 C – 1 NT

- 8-10 points 4-3-3-3 shape
- 6-7 points 4-3-3-3 shape bid 2 Clubs

	5 4 3
	K 10 9
	K Q 3
	Q 9 8 7

Partner opens 1 C
you respond 1 NT

	5 4 3
	K 10 9
	Q 3 2
	Q 9 8 7

Partner opens 1 C
you respond 2 C

Finding the Major Fit

♠ K Q 5 4 3
♥ K 10
♦ K Q
♣ Q J 8 7

Open 1 S

Partner replies 2 D

You rebid 3 C

Forcing bid showing 5-4

♠ K Q 5 4 3
♥ K 10 7
♦ K Q
♣ Q J 8

Open 1 S

Partner replies 2 D

You rebid 2NT

Shows balanced hand 15-16pts

Finding the Major Fit

	K Q 5 4 3
	K 10 7
	K Q
	Q J 8

Open 1 S

Partner replies 2 D

You rebid 2NT

If partner has enough points for game and 3 spades he bids 3 spades (forcing). You reply 4 S

	K Q 5 4
	K 10 7
	K Q 3
	Q J 8

Open 1 S

Partner replies 2 D

You rebid 2NT

If partner has enough points for game and 3 spades he bids 3 spades (forcing). You bid 3 NT

Finding the Major Fit

1 S 12+ points, 4+ spade suit

2 D 10+ points, 4+ diamonds, not 4 spades

2 NT 15-16 points balanced (does not deny 5 card spades)

3 S Enough points for game I have 3 spades

3 NT/4S Bids 4 S with 5 Spades 3NT with 4 Spades