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2/1 GF – Special “Powerful” Rebid Notes

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Opener Rebids Their Suit

2-Major “Rebid”

- Waiting, with only a 5-card suit – Slow the Auction Down.
- 6+card suit – usually a 1-suiter. Denies 4 cards in a suit that could have been bid more cheaply (bypassing a suit as Opener denies 4 cards in that suit).

Opener Rebids New Suit at the 3-Level (Non-Jump)

New Suit at the 3-Level – 4+card suit. This bid shows extra values, about 3+points more than an opening bid. With a minimum opening hand and 5/4 shape simply rebid 2-Major.

3-Major Rebid – Set Trump

1M – 2X

3M

This sets the Opener’s suit as the trump suit and asks Responder to start making Control-Showing Bids.

This rebid does not show additional values.

4-Major Rebid – Fast Arrival (“Picture” Bid)

1M – 2X

4M

This is a rare bid but shows a hand that is a minimum opener with an extremely long suit (usually at least a 7-card suit). This denies a suit that is good enough to rebid 3-Major.

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Jump Shift by Opener

A jump shift by the Opener shows shortness, support for partner's suit (at least 4-card support), and a hand that Opener is not completely ashamed of. The Opener does not have to have significant extra values to make a splinter (especially because these splinters nicely describe Opener's hand below 3NT).

1♠ 2♦
3♥* __?

If Responder has a lot of values in ♥, then 3NT is likely to be a good contract. If they have no values, then 6♦ likely will be.

"Bypassing" Suits as Opener

With 4-6 in the Majors:

1♥ 2♦
2♥ 2NT
3♠

1♥ 2♦
2♠ 2NT
3♥

Location of honors is an important determining factor in your bidding sequences.

Complicated Auction

1♠ 2♥
3♥ 3♠

Is this a Control-Showing Bid or showing a 3-card ♠ fit?