



# Adventures in Bridge

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## Slam – Control Showing Bids

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### Control Showing Bids (CSB)

- When do we start making Control Showing Bids?
  - After we find a fit
  - When we are exploring slam – Fit first!
- Major Suit Fit
  - Above 3-Major
    - Control Showing Bid
  - Below 3-Major
    - Help Suit Game Try
    - Concentration of Values
- Minor Suit Fit
  - Usually above 3NT
    - Control Showing Bid
  - Below 3NT
    - Usually Stoppers – looking to get to 3NT.

### Styles of Control Showing Bids

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round Controls (American Style)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Controls (Italian Style)
- Modern Style (Mix)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Round Controls in unbid suits
  - Ace or King in suits where partner has shown length
- Advantages and disadvantages of each style
- Special Meaning of Control Bids above game?
- Making use of Control Showing Bids
  - Principle of Fast Arrival
    - 3-Major vs. 4-Major
    - 4-minor



### Special Agreement Auctions

- 2♣ Opening Bid Auctions
  - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round controls
- Rebidding a suit after Splinter
  - By Splinter-er
  - By Partner