

New series of 10 topics – Thursdays at 9:30am or 4:15pm

Jun 25: Preemptive bids

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2-way Drury convention - ALERTABLE

The **Drury Convention** is a bidding tool used by a *passed hand* after partner opens **1♥** or **1♠** in third or fourth seat. Its main goal is to discover whether partner's opening bid was a full opening or a lighter one.

This convention helps the partnership stay low when needed and reach the correct contract when a genuine game is available.

You can only use **Drury** when the following are true:

- You have already passed once (you're a passed hand).
- Your left-hand opponent (LHO) has passed.
- Partner opens **1♥** or **1♠** in third or fourth seat.
- You have **3 or 4-card support** and around **10–11 HCP**.

If you haven't passed, then a 2♣ or 2♦ response is *natural*, not Drury.

Main benefits

1. Avoids overbidding by identifying light openings.
2. Clarifies opener's strength early.
3. Improves part-score results in matchpoints.
4. Fits perfectly into both **Standard American** and **2/1** systems.
5. Easy to remember and use under pressure.

Common mistakes

The most frequent mistake happens when the **opener** forgets that partner is a *passed hand* and assumes the **2♣** or 2♦ bid is natural instead of artificial.

Other common errors

1. Using 12 HCP for the Drury 2♣ or 2♦ bid (too strong - you would open).
2. Miscounting support points.
3. Overbidding after partner shows a minimum.

Example 1

Opener: ♠K J 8 6 4 ♥9 ♦K J 8 3 ♣Q 5 2

Responder: ♠A 9 3 ♥K 7 5 ♦T 9 6 4 ♣K 9 3

The auction should go:

P P 1♠ P 2♣ (Drury) P

What should the Opener bid next?

Example 2

Opener: ♠A Q T 5 3 ♥K 8 4 ♦A 7 ♣J T 9

Responder: ♠K 9 4 ♥9 7 ♦K J 9 3 ♣A 5 4 2

The auction should go:

P P 1♠ P 2♣ (Drury) P

What should the Opener bid next?

Example 3

Opener: ♠ A J 9 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 7 ♦ 6 ♣ Q J 7

Responder: ♠ 8 5 3 ♥ A K T 3 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ T 8 5

The auctions should go:

P P 1♥ P 2♦ (Drury) P

What should the Opener bid next?

Opener in 3rd seat, after 2 passes, bids 1♠,
what do you bid?

Answers

1. ♠AQT9	♥KQ32	♦432	♣32	2♦
2. ♠JT9	♥AK32	♦QJ3	♣432	2♣
3. ♠QJT98	♥A432	♦KJ	♣32	4♠
4. ♠KJ	♥AK432	♦432	♣432	2♥
5. ♠QT9	♥QJ9	♦QT9	♣Q987	2♠
6. ♠2	♥AJ32	♦A432	♣T987	1NT

In 3rd seat, Opener bids 1♥, partner bids 2♣, what does Opener bid now? **Answers**

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|---------|---------|------|-----|----|
| 1. ♠QJ9 | ♥KJ987 | ♦KJ9 | ♣98 | 2♥ |
| 2. ♠QJ9 | ♥KT987 | ♦KJ9 | ♣Q2 | 2♥ |
| 3. ♠QJ9 | ♥AKJT98 | ♦KJ9 | ♣2 | 4♥ |
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In 3rd seat, Opener bids 1♥, partner bids 2♦, what does Opener bid now?

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| 1. ♠QJ9 | ♥AKQT9 | ♦AQ2 | ♣32 | 4♥ |
| 2. ♠QJ9 | ♥KJ987 | ♦KJ9 | ♣98 | 2♥ |
| 3. ♠QJ9 | ♥KQJT9 | ♦KQ32 | ♣2 | 4♥ |

Next Thursday, August 27

New minor forcing only

This will be the last class in the current series.

A new series of 8 drop-in classes will start on Thursday, September 24 at 9:30am or 4:15pm \$15 per class

In addition, I will be teaching 2/1 in 6 parts on Tuesdays at 9:30am starting on September 15. \$100 for all 6 classes.

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