

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

Jun 25: Preemptive bids

Jul 2: Bergen raises

Jul 9: Bids after Opponents 1NT opening bid

Jul 16: Unusual 2NT and Michaels

Jul 23: Doubles – take out, negative and support

Jul 30: Inverted minors

Aug 6: Jacoby 2NT

Aug 13: Blackwood and Gerber

Aug 20: Drury

Aug 27: New minor forcing and 4th suit forcing

Convention Card Classes

Still available:

Fri, Jul 31 2 slots (1 partnership)

Tue, Aug 11 2 slots (1 partnership)

The purpose of Inverted minors:

Help the partnership find the best game when they have a minor suit fit and conserve bidding space

The “inverted minor” bid is made by the **partner** of the opener

As always, watch the vulnerability

Inverted minors – strong raise alertable & forcing

1♣	Pass	2♣	or
1♦	Pass	2♦	

The requirements are:

- A good 10+ points (no upper point count limit)
- At least 4-card support, preferably 5+
- No 4-card Major

Inverted minors – weak raise alertable, not forcing

1♣	Pass	3♣	or
1♦	Pass	3♦	

The requirements are:

- 0-6 points
- At least 5-card support
- No 4-card Major

Playing inverted minors - with 7-9 points, not forcing

1♣ or 1♦

Pass

1NT

The requirements are:

- 7-9 points
- No 4-card Major

Inverted minors are **OFF**

after interference from the opponents **BUT**
you can make a **cue bid limit raise**. I plan to
have a class on **cue bids** in my next series
of classes starting in October

Example:

1♣ 1♥ 2♥ shows 5♣ **and a good 10+ points**

Your partner opens 1♣ - what do you bid

Answers

1. ♠A32	♥T9	♦AQ2	♣QJT98	2♣
2. ♠A32	♥QJT9	♦32	♣AJT9	1♥
3. ♠T98	♥T98	♦32	♣KQ432	3♣
4. ♠5432	♥AT	♦JT9	♣AQ32	1♠
5. ♠A32	♥A32	♦QJT98	♣32	1♦
6. ♠A32	♥T98	♦Q2	♣QT987	1NT
7. ♠AT9876	♥T98	♦32	♣32	2♠
8. ♠AQ3	♥QJT	♦KJT9	♣QT9	3NT

Opener's Rebids after 1♣:2♣

2♥ or 2♠ - showing 3+ cards and a stopper **FORCING**

2NT – a balanced 12-14 showing stoppers in both majors
NOT FORCING

3♣ - Natural with a 5+ suit (no major stoppers)
NOT FORCING

3NT – a balanced 18-19 **NOT FORCING**

Opener's Rebids after 1 :2

2  or 2  - showing 3+ cards and a stopper **FORCING**

2NT – a balanced 12-14 showing stoppers in both majors
NOT FORCING

3  - Natural with a 5+ suit (no major stoppers)
NOT FORCING

3NT – a balanced 18-19 **NOT FORCING**

Opener bids 1♣, partner bids 2♣, what does opener bid now?

Answers:

1. ♠J32	♥KJ3	♦KQJ	♣KT98	2♥
2. ♠KJ3	♥J32	♦KQJ	♣KT98	2♠
3. ♠KJ3	♥KJ3	♦QJT	♣QJT9	2NT
4. ♠JT9	♥JT	♦QJT	♣AKQ32	3♣
5. ♠432	♥KQJT	♦KQJ	♣A32	2♥
6. ♠A43	♥KQ3	♦KQ32	♣QJ3	3NT

(Hint: this is a trick question – what should opener's 1st bid be?)

Next Thursday, August 6

JACOBY 2NT