

## 14) Responses to 1 major opening with four cards support and competitive, inviting or G.F. hand.

When partner opens 1 in a major and we have a 4 cards support, we will have an easy life , thanks to Bergen raises , in showing our hand.

Let us see how they work :

| N  | S                                  |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 1♥ | 3♥ = 4 cards fit with 0-6 HCP      |
|    | 3♣ = 4 cards fit with 7-9 HCP      |
|    | 3♦ = 4 cards fit with 10-11 HCP    |
|    | 2♣ = G.F. hand with or without ♣ . |

In the original convention instead of 2♣ = G.F. there is 2NT = 4 cards support with 12+ HCP. I prefer to use 2♣ as a generical G.F. bid and maintain the natural meaning of 2NT = 10-11 HCP balanced with 2♥ .

Over the responses of 3♥ , 3♣ o 3♦ , opener will conclude the bidding according to his hand strength.

Over the 2♣ response , opener has only 3 possible re-bids :

| N           | S                                     |  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1♥          | 2♣ = G.F. with / without ♣            | <b>NB :</b> over G.F. 2♣ , opener makes no difference between 11-15 and 16-18 HCP. |
| 2♥          | = 6♥ one suiter.                      |  |
| 2NT         | = 5♥ and 332.                         |  |
| 2♦, 2♠ o 3♣ | = two suiter 5♥ and a 4+ on the side. |  |
|             |                                       |  |

Bergen raises are unchanged in case of opponents overcall : :

| W | N  | E  | S                               |
|---|----|----|---------------------------------|
| - | 1♥ | 1♠ | 3♥ = 4 cards fit with 0-6 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♣ = 4 cards fit with 7-9 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♦ = 4 cards fit with 10-11 HCP |

| W | N  | E  | S                               |
|---|----|----|---------------------------------|
| - | 1♥ | 2♣ | 3♥ = 4 cards fit with 0-6 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♣ = 4 cards fit with 7-9 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♦ = 4 cards fit with 10-11 HCP |

| W | N  | E  | S                               |
|---|----|----|---------------------------------|
| - | 1♥ | 2♦ | 3♥ = 4 cards fit with 0-6 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♣ = 4 cards fit with 7-9 HCP   |
|   |    |    | 3♦ = 4 cards fit with 10-11 HCP |

Raises over 1♠ are perfectly similar to raises over 1♥ .