

Intermediate Conventions & More – 3 days of courses *Last revised: May 8, 2017*

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(Topics modified June 2)

Monday June 9, June 16, June 23

12:30 – 3ish; \$20 per session

Topics (* indicates topic has been presented before, EBC notes exist)

Day 1: June 9 (content per day is approximate, may vary)

- Negative Doubles *
- Jacoby 2NT Forcing Raises *
- Fourth suit forcing *

Day 2: June 16

- Michaels, Unusual No-Trump *
- 1430 Ace-Asking *, including Queen Ask
- 2NT over Weak 2-bid
- Splinters
- Support Doubles
- ~~Cue bid as limit+ in competition~~

Day 3: June 23

- Hand Evaluation: to open or pass
- 3rd and 4th seat opening bids & The Drury convention
- Balancing – (Bidding when a pass means opponents get contract)
- Bidding HodpePodge
 - Reverses *
 - responding to overcalls *
 - Any other

Negative Doubles

Consider this hand and auction

You hold S xx H KQxx D QJxx C xxx

Your partner opens 1 Club and your right-hand opponent bids 1 Spade. Without the overcall, you had a simple 1 Heart bid but now you are stuck. 2 Hearts would show 5+ hearts and 10+ HCPs so you cannot bid that. Also consider how often you would wish to make a penalty double at this low level, very rarely. Hence a “negative double” was created to deal with this very common problem. In general, a negative double is a direct, low-level double by responder over an overcall by the opponents, showing length in the unbid suits.

A 1-level negative double says

- I have 6+ points
- If there is one unbid major, I have 4+ cards in it
- If there are two unbid majors, I have 4 cards in both
- If both major suits bid, I am 4-4 or better in the minors
- I am not strong/long enough to make a direct bid at the 2-level in my suit

Partner now bids naturally, as if partner had bid a suit at the 1-level

- (best) – bid the doubler’s major if you have a fit (4 of them) at the appropriate level
 - Holding S xx H Qxxx D AQx C AJxx
 - You open _____, next player bids 1 Spade, partner doubles, rt hand opp Passes. Bid _____
 - Holding S Ax H Kxxx D KQx C AQJx, same auction, bid _____
- Otherwise bid as normal, ie 1NT with a stopper in opp’s suit, rebid a long first suit, etc.

Doubling over ...

- $1C - {}^1D$ or $1D - {}^2C$ you should have at least 4-4 in the majors
- $1C - {}^{1H/1S}$ you must have 4 of other major or (5+ with less than 10 pts.)
 - Note over 1 Minor – ${}^1\text{Heart}$, the spade suit is still available at the 1-level. However, this gives you a chance to differentiate between a 4 or 5 card major. So double shows exactly 4 spades and bidding 1 spade shows 5+ spades
- $1H - {}^1S$ or $1S - {}^2H$ you should have 4+ cards in both the minors

Points indicated by a negative double

- A 1-level negative double shows 6+ pts
- A 2-level “ “ 9+ pts
- In general, the higher you force partner to bid, the more pts you should have

Experienced players play negative doubles typically through 3 Spades or higher. Newer players are probably best playing them through 2 Spades.

Thus $1C - ^{2S} - X$ is a negative double but ..
 $1D - ^{3H} - X$ is a penalty double (as normal)

Negative doubles also provide a solution to a weak hand with a long suit

- You hold S QJ10xxx H x D KJx C xxx
- Partner opens 1 Heart, next player bids 2 Clubs. Double (neg), then bid 2 Spades over partner's rebid of 2H or 2D.

Jacoby 2NT Forcing Major Raise

With the increase of pre-emptive bids by opponents and by the opening side (ie, 1S-4S), it has become even more important and effective to quickly show a good hand with a strong fit for opener's major. Jacoby 2NT is a bid of 2NT in response to a major opening by partner.

The bid (ie, 1H – 2NT)

- Shows 4+ cards of trump support (not 3)
- Shows 13+ dummy points
- Is forcing to the major game and allows investigation of slam
- Takes away the natural meaning of 2NT; 11-12 pts and a balanced hand (see below)

Rebids by the opener are as follows;

- Bid a good 2nd 5-card suit at the 4-level
- Bid a singleton or void at the 3-level
 - This allows responder to see if his high cards are well-placed.
 - Holding Axxx (or xxx) of a suit opposite partner's singleton is ideal and makes a slam more likely. Holding lower honours, ie KQx, indicates wasted values and discourages a slam
- If neither of the above
 - Bid directly to the game with a bare minimum hand (Bid 4 Hearts)
 - Bid 3NT with more than a bare minimum (14-16 pts)
 - Rebid your suit at the 3-level with 17+ pts (Bid 3 Hearts)

Here is this convention in action. Note the 2NT and rebid by opener must be Alerted

S KQJxx	S Axxx
H AQx	H Kx
D x	D Axxx
C Qxxx	C KJx
1S	2NT
3D	4NT (1430 RKCBlackwood)
5S	6S (5S shows _____)

Now consider holding the same responder hand and varying rebids by opener

S Axxx
H Kx
D Axxx
C KJx

Opener's (shows _____) rebid	Responder rebids
1. 3C _____	4S
2. 3H _____	4S
3. 4S _____	Pass
4. 3NT _____	4D (slam try, cuebid Ace)
5. 3S _____	4NT
6. 4C _____	4D (slam try, cuebid, hoping partner bids 4 H)
7. 4D _____	4S (you have Kings, not Aces in partner's short suits)
8. 4H _____	5D (partner -> bid slam with 2 nd rd club control)

This convention does not apply when...

- Responder has passed originally (unlikely to need this convention)
- There is an overcall or double directly over the opening bid

Also note that the standard meaning of 2NT, that being 11-12 balanced, must now be shown in another way. Bid a new suit, then rebid 2NT.

For example, 1H – 2C
2D – 2NT

Fourth Suit Forcing

Modern bidding has put an emphasis on precise, but often non-forcing bids, to be able to describe the most common hands. Consider the following auctions (opponents are silent)

1C – 1H – 2C – 3H which is non-forcing, showing 6 hts and about 11 pts

1D – 1S – 2C – 3S same as above

1C – 1H – 1S – 3C which is non-forcing, showing 5+ clubs and about 11 pts

Consider the following hands where you need to force the bidding

Responder	Opener	Responder
S KQxxx	1D	1S
H Qx	2C	?
D Axx		
C Kxx		

? : responder has pts for game, but 2S/3S not forcing and you only have five, not 6. You would love to know if partner has 3 spades (to make an 8-card fit). The way to find out is to bid 4th suit forcing, hence 2H. If partner has 3 spades, they will bid 2S, and you can jump to 4S. If partner bids 2NT, showing a heart stopper, bid 3NT.

Responder	Opener	Responder
S Axx	1C	1H
H KQxxxx	1S	?
D xx		
C Ax		

? : You have a rebiddable heart suit but 2H/3H are not forcing. You cannot jump to 4H as partner may just have a singleton or void. To establish a game forcing auction, bid 2D, fourth suit forcing. Over partner's rebid, now bid 3H, which partner will now take as a 6-card ht suit and a forcing hand. Partner can now raise to 4H with 2 hearts, or do otherwise (3NT with a diamond stopper)

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Responder	Opener	Responder
S QJxx	1D	1S
H xxx	2C	?
D Kxx		
C AKx		

?: You would like to play NT with this balanced hand but you do not have a heart stopper (the unbid suit). Bidding 3NT would be guaranteeing a heart stopper. Perhaps partner has a heart stopper, so you need to make a forcing bid to give him a chance to show this, so bid 2H 4th suit forcing. If partner bids 2NT, raise to 3NT. If partner instead bids anything else, best to raise diamonds, since you cannot afford to play NT.

Remember: Because this is an artificial bid, when the bid is made, partner must either say "Alert" or show the Alert card, alerting your opponents to your partner's non-natural bid.

Also: I recommend you play fourth suit forcing as forcing to game

Two-suited Hands

Being able to show two-suited hands allows your side to find good games, part-scores or sacrifices, and occasionally with less than the normal number of points. The distribution typically required is 5 cards in each of two suits and 8+ HCPs. You should hold **good** suits such as KQJxx as opposed to Qxxxx. Usually partner will have at least 3 cards in one of your 2 suits, hence an 8-card or longer trump suit exists. When partner shows a 2-suited hand, you are expected to bid the suit you have more cards in. We will discuss two types of two-suited conventions.

Michaels Cue Bid

If the opponents open in a minor suit, cue bidding their suit shows 5-5 in the majors.

Right-hand opponent opens 1 Diamond and you hold

S KQJxx H QJ9xx D x C xx Bid 2 Diamonds

If the opponents open in a major suit, cue bidding their suit shows 5 cards in the unbid major and 5 cards in one of the two minor suits.

Right-hand opponent opens 1 Heart and you hold

S AQ10xx H x D KQ10xx C xx Bid 2 Hearts

Responding to a Michael's Cue-Bid

- You usually will bid the preferred suit at the next available level.
 - Over 1D – ^{2D} -- Pass; holding S Qxxx H xx D xxxx C Axx
Bid 2 Spades
 - Note even with a very bad hand, you must pick a suit, you cannot pass
- If you have strong trump support for one of partner's suits and a good hand, you might jump the bidding.

Holding S Qxxx H Kxx D Ax C AJxx ..., you have a known 9-card spade fit and ..

- A high honour in hearts that will really enhance partner's heart suit
 - Aces (vs lower honours) opposite partner's short suits are great working cards.
 - Conclusion: With such a good fit, bid directly to game in Spades.
- If partner has bid Michael's over a major, your first priority is to bid the unbid major. However, if you are better off playing in partner's minor, bid 2NT to tell partner to bid his minor suit
 - Over 1H – ^{2H} – Pass; holding S x H Jxxx D K10xxx C QJx
Bid 2NT

- You do not wish to play in Spades, so 2NT tells partner to bid his 5-card minor
- The other bid you should know is when you cannot fit either of partner's suits but do have a **very** good suit of your own. Bid the suit to play, despite partner's advertised holdings
 - Over 1S – ^{2S} – Pass; holding S Qxx H xx D KQJ10xx C xx Bid 3D (to play)
- Other
 - If, after partner bids Michaels, and the next player bids, you are no longer in a demand-bid situation, but may choose to bid with a fit and some values
 - Michael's is ON in balancing position
 - 1S – ^{Pass} – Pass – _{2S} would be Michaels
 - With a big 2-suiter, bid Michaels, get partner's preference then jump to game or explore for a slam
 - Holding S AKQxxx H KQJ10x D A C x
 - Over partner's expected 2H/2S bid, check for Aces and bid accordingly

The Unusual 2 NoTrump

Another common 2-suiter conventional bid is called the Unusual 2 NoTrump. This is a jump overcall of the opponent's opening 1-bid and shows 5-5 in the **lower two** unbid suits.

For example, right-hand opponent opens 1 Heart and you hold

S xx H x D QJ10xx C AJ10xx bid 2NT

Hence over a major opening, it shows minors. Over a minor opening it shows the other minor and hearts. It is similar to a Michael's cuebid in many ways, beyond the actual suits held. One difference is that the two suits held are always clear, whereas Michaels may involve an unspecified minor as the 2nd suit. Partner is therefore expected to pick one of the 2NT bidder's suits. As with Michaels, bidding the 4th suit (partner has two, opponent has one) shows a very good suit, indicating this suit would make the best trump suit, even if partner only has a singleton.

What would you respond with these hands, over a 1 Diamond opening and partner's 2NT ?

1. S AQxxx H xxx D xx C xxx Bid _____
2. S KJxx H xxx D xx C QJx Bid _____
3. S Axx H Kxxx D x C KJxxx Bid _____
4. S AQJ10xx H xx D xxx C xx Bid _____
5. S KJx H Kx D AQJx C Kxxx Bid _____

1430 Roman Key Card Blackwood

Most open players now use a more informational form of Blackwood, called Roman Key-Card. The King of the agreed trump suit is as critical as an Ace, so “key cards” mean the 4 Aces and the K of the trump suit, hence 5 key cards. Add to this the fact that the asker can always distinguish how many key cards are held if the two possible answers are 3 key cards apart. So 0 or 3, and 1 or 4 key cards can be shown with only 2 bids, leaving two bids available when holding 2 Aces. The most commonly used version is called 1430 Roman Keycard Blackwood.

5 Clubs (14) - 1 or 4 key cards (4 Aces and K of assumed trump suit)

5 Diamonds (30) - 0 or 3 key cards

5 Hearts - 2 key cards, but without the Q of trump suit

5 Spades - 2 key cards, but with Q of trump

Consider the following hand

S	AJ10xxx	S	KQxx
H	A	H	Qx
D	KJxx	D	Qx
C	Qx	C	AKxxx

1S	3C
3D	4S
4NT	5S ->showing _____
6S	Pass

Queen Ask after Blackwood Keycard response

If partner's Keycard response is not 5H or 5S, you will not know about the Q of trump, unless you have it! Over either a 5C or 5D response, you can ask partner if they have the Q of trump by bidding the next available bid, assuming it is not the trump suit at the 5-level. Consider the following auction

1S 2NT
 3D 4NT – 1430 Keycard Blackwood
 5C – means _____
 5D – Do you have the Q of trumps?

Answers

- 5S – No
- 5NT – Yes but no additional Kings
- 6 any non-trump suit – Yes with the King in bid suit

Sample Hand

Opener	Responder	
	♠AJT75	♠K93
	♥AKT	♥Q3
	♦AKT2	♦J8
	♣5	♣KQ7642

Opener	Responder
1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♦	3 ♠
4NT (1)	5 ♣ (2)
5 ♦ (3)	5 ♠ (4)
Pass	

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

If 4) was 6S, shows _____

was 6C, shows _____

2NT Convention over a Weak Two Opener by Partner

Review: If partner opens with a weak two-bid (assume major), responses are as follows

- Raise to 3: furthering the pre-empt, sign-off, not invitational
- Raise to 4: to make or furthering the pre-empt
- New suit: Forcing, looking for support or having a strong hand. Opener should raise partner with 3+, rebid their suit with a minimum, bid a control with maximum but no fit
- What then does one do with an invitational hand? The answer is to bid a conventional 2NT. You will typically have about 14-16 dummy points. Partner is expected to
 - Rebid their suit with a minimum
 - Bid an outside control (Ace or King) with a maximum
 - Bid 3NT with a solid suit (AKQxxx)

Sample Hand

S AQ10xxx	S Kxx
H xx	H KQx
D xxxx	D xx
C Kx	C AQxxx

2S	2NT	_____
3C	_____	
	4S	_____

Splinter Bids

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A splinter bid is a forcing raise of partner's major opening. It is bid by making a double-jump in a new suit. For example; 1S – 4D. This bid is forcing to game and invites slam investigation.

It shows

- 13-16 dummy points
- At least 4 trump
- A singleton or a void in the bid suit

You hold S AJxx H Kxx D x C KQxxx

Partner opens 1 Spade, next player passes. You bid 4D, which your partner alerts.

What holdings in opener's hand make for slam interest based on partner's splinter?

Consider the above hand, and opener having the following diamond holding

1. Holding Axx, you know you can win the Ace and ruff the other 2 diamonds = slam interest
2. Holding xxx, you know you can lose one diamond, but then ruff all the rest = slam interest.

In both of the above, you also know all of your high cards in other suits mesh well with partners and are all working.

You can also think of the 2nd example as bidding with a 30-point deck. If you and partner have nothing in a suit, but can ruff all but the Ace (ergo the need for 4 trumps), you have eliminated 10 HCPs with only one loser. $40-10=30$ hence if you and your partner have 29 of those 30 HCPs, you are likely to make a small slam. This is why a splinter allows bidding of slams with less than 33 HCPs.

3. Holding KQx, your 2nd and 3rd round control is redundant with partner's singleton, meaning the worth of your 5 pts in diamonds is reduced; those honours would be much better in other suits = no slam interest

Consider the following hand

S AQxxx	S KTxx	1S	4D
H Ax	H Kxx	4N	5H
D xxx	D x	6S	
C KQx	C AJxxx		

A splinter can also be made by the opening bidder.

Consider holding S AQJx H Axxx D KQJx C x

You open a Diamond, partner bids 1 Spade, you splinter 4C. This would require a maximum rebid hand (19-21 dummy pts).

Most don't splinter with a singleton A or K.

Support Doubles & Redoubles

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One of the many uncertainties in bidding is whether partner has 4 or 5+ cards in a major when making his first response. You hold S QJx H Axx D AJxxx C xx and open 1D. Partner responds 1S. Now you must find a rebid. Do you bid 1NT with a bad club holding, do you rebid 2D with a mediocre 5-card suit, or do you raise spades with only 3. The answer is made easier if your right-hand opponent makes an overcall or double, providing you with an extra bid (double or redouble).

A support double is a double made by the opening bidder after the opponent's overcall over responder's major bid. This double indicates that you have precisely 3-card support for your partner's major. Here is a sample auction.

1D P 1S 2C

X* : * **Alerted**: The double says you have 3 spades,

Hence

1D P 1S 2C

2S* : * **Alerted**: guarantees 4 spades, since you did not make a support double.

If the opponent comes in with a double, redouble becomes the way to show 3-card support.

1D P 1S X

XX : Redouble says you have 3 spades

All of these support doubles/redbls must be alerted, even the 2S raise, as you must alert the opps that your partner shows 4 spades

Hand Evaluation

While using High Card, Total and Dummy points provide a good foundation for modern bidding decisions, there are many more criteria which affect the valuation of your hand. This valuation also is a moving target, as it can change during the auction.

Things that make your hand better

- In our 4-3-2-1 system, Aces and tens are undervalued, Qs and Js are overvalued. With significantly more A/10s than Q/Js, your hand is at least one point better
 - This is more significant in a suit contract, where lower honours tend to be less helpful
- Shapelier hands have more value. If you have a flat hand, meaning 4-3-3-3 shape, subtract 1 pt. Having a 2nd 4+ card suit adds value, esp if as in next point
- Honours concentrated in long suits make for more value. It is much easier to develop small cards into winners.
 - Consider S AKJxxx H xx D KQJx C x which is much better than ...
 - S KJxxxx H Ax D KJxx C Q
- Holding a 9th trump (1 beyond 8-card golden fit). Partner opens 1 Spade, you hold
 - S QJxx H Axx D x C KQxxx ; 12 dummy pts, but add 1 for 4th trump
- Honours located behind suit strength based on bidding. Your right hand opp opens 2 Spades, and you hold S Kx H KQJxxx D Qx C xxx; Increase your point count by one as your King spades is almost a sure trick
- Length in the majors, especially spades. The side that owns the spade suit has an advantage since it is the highest ranking suit. If the opponents wish to compete over your 2S bid, they must go to the much harder 3-level.
- Honour cards in suits bid by your partner. This is a very important criteria. Similarly, holding Aces(especially) or Kings in suits not bid by your partner have more value, low honours have less value
 - You hold S AQxxx H x D AQxxx C Kx
Partner has S KJxx H Axx D Kxx C Axx
After 1S – 2NT
 - 4D - You should love your hand: K diamonds perfect for diamond suit
 - Aces in partners short suits, perfect
 - Notice 7 Spades is cold w 15+15 = 30 HCPs

What makes your hand better for defense?

- Good trumps, well-placed
 - If you have AQ108 of trumps and you are behind declarer, looks like 3 maybe 4 tricks. If you are in front of declarer, could be just 2 tricks
- Shortness in partner's suit. If partner bids hearts and you have 5 of them, you will cash 1 or none on defense. However, holding only 2 or 1 hearts, your side will probably cash about 2 tricks.
- Aces and Kings versus Quacks (Queens and Jacks)
- You (West) hold S AJ109 H AKx D xxxx C xx
Bidding goes South 1S - 2S 3S - 4S P - P You: _____

Deciding to Open the Bidding

- 20 years ago, one opened with 13 total points, and occasionally opened with 12, having some reason to do so. Nowadays, players open with 12 unless they have some reason not to. To decide on close hands, use the criteria "Things that make a hand better".
- In first or second seat, you should be more disciplined, since partner's hand is unknown. In 3rd or 4th, you can be more flexible/aggressive, since partner is known to have less than an opening hand.
- Which of the following hands would you open in 1st or 2nd seat

1. S AK109x H x D A10xx C xx _____
2. S KJxx H Qxx D Kxx C QJx _____
3. S Kxxxx H K D Kxxx C QJ _____
4. S QJx H KJxx D QJx C QJx _____

Rule of 20 (aggressive rule)

- Add your high card points to the length of your 2 longest suits. If that total is 20 or more, open the bidding.
- Ex: S QJxxx H Axx D KJxx C x
 - Since 11 (Hcps) + 5 (Sp) + 4 (Ds) = 20, open 1 Spade
- I recommend players use the Rule of 22
 - Apply Rule of 20, then add 1 for each quick trick. If you get to 22, open the bidding. Quick tricks are: AK=2, AQ=1.5, A=1, KQ=1, Kx[x]=0.5
 - Ex: S ATxxx H KQxx D Qxx C x
 - 11 HCP + 5 + 4 + 2 (quick tricks) = 22; Open 1S

Opening in 3rd Seat

- Once your partner has passed, you can open in 3rd/4th seat with a slightly lighter hand. You know your partner has less than an opening hand, which allows you some liberties. The benefits are
 - Pre-empts the 4th seat player, who very likely has an opening hand

- Lead-directing
- Chance to buy the contract, which may be rightfully yours
- A sample 3rd seat light opening is S xxx H KQxxx D Jxx C Ax
- In response, partner must be prepared to play in any new suit as a light 3rd seat opener is not required to bid again and probably should not. This leads to a condition of a 3rd seat opener, that is being comfortable passing partner's new suit or have a tolerable rebid.
- A weak two-bid can be more aggressive, made on a less solid suit, especially at favourable vulnerability.
 - 3rd seat, not vul vs vul holding S Q10xxxx H xx D Kx C Jxx Open 2S

- You are dealer and hold S Kxxx H Ax D Qxxx C JTx.
Bidding goes P P 1S P
3S All Pass
and partner goes down one. "I opened light in 3rd seat partner, we were too high". Partner had S AQxxx H Qx D xx C Qxxx
- Because a 3rd seat opener can be lighter than normal, a mechanism is needed to avoid partner jumping to 3 as a limit raise, often getting the side too high. This convention is called Drury. If your partner opens a Major in 3rd or 4th seat, you bid an artificial 2Clubs, which says you have a limit raise (with 3+ trumps). If partner does have a light opening, he signs off in 2 Spades (called "Reverse Drury"). If he has a normal opening bid, he bids anything else.
- A typical Drury auction
P P 1H P
2C* P 2H AP * **Alerted**; limit raise, 3+ trump
- Note that you must be careful as you now no longer can bid 2C naturally.
After P P 1S P and you hold S xx H Axx D xx C KQJxx
best bid available would be 1NT.
However, holding S x H Kxx D xxx C AQJxxx
bid 3C, showing 11ish pts and a 6 card club suit

Opening in 4th Seat

- With 3 passes to you, you now have the option to pass out the hand. This may be the right call, since if your opponents outbid you and make their contract, you are getting a negative score. The spade suit is of great importance here, since it is the highest ranking suit. The "Rule of 15" says that if your HCPs + number of spades =15 or more, open in 4th seat.
- So, holding S KJxxx H Axx D xx C Kxx (11 +5 >=15); open 1S
- A weak two bid becomes chunkier because if you had a lower-range bid, you are probably going down, better to pass and not get a negative score. You should have about 10-15 HCPs, including a good suit, and expect to make the contract

Balancing

Balancing means to make a bid rather than a 3rd consecutive pass, ending the auction. One can bid here on slightly less than normal values, to avoid selling out to the opponents at a low level. For example, 1C – P – P - ?

Bid on a weaker hand than normal, ie bid 1H on S xx H K10xxx D Axx C Jxx
Note that your partner may have as much as 14 HCPs and not have been able to bid.
He might hold S xxx H Axx D KQx C KQxx, a lovely dummy for a heart contract.

Another good balancing bid is to double. This is the usual takeout double, but again, it can be a bit lighter in points. ie S Kxxx H Axxx D Qxx C xx

Balancing in NT shows a lower range, 11-14 typically. If you have a regular 1NT hand, you double first, then bid NT at lowest level available.

Since a normal preemptive jump overcall doesn't make sense (who are you pre-empting, NOBODY!), it shows a large 6+ suit overcall, such as
S KQ10xxx H xx D Axx C KQx

When not to balance: If the opponents have not found a fit, best to keep quiet. They may go down in their misfit contract. It also means they have more defense in their suit, since they don't have a ton of them.

To respond to a balancing bid, keep in mind that partner may have up to a King less than normal, and respond accordingly. If partner balances with 1 Heart, and you have
S AJx H QJx D Kxxx C xxx bid 2Hearts, not 3.

http://www.barbaraseagram.com/pdf/balancing_2012.pdf
good web site on balancing

End of Notes – Enjoy: What a Game!!