Responder's New Suit Bids

This is a big lesson. Be well prepared - don't be concerned if you can't play all the hands. Mention NT rebids for the sake of fullness but they're covered properly in the next lesson.

Lesson Content
- If a limit bid is not possible, responder changes suit
- Rules for new suit response
- Values for new suit response
- Opener's rebids after a new suit response

Main Points to Emphasise
- Keep the bidding as low as possible to give room to find a fit – don't jump with 10+ HCP
- Rules for changing suit are the same as opener's when making an opening bid
- Opener has 4 choices of rebids after a new suit response
- Rather than listing specific ranges, the rebids are described in broad categories of minimum, invitational and game values
- Stress that a rebid of a second suit shows 5+ in the first suit

Lesson Progression
- Revise limit bids – quickly
- Revise the rules for opening the bidding because – responder's options are the same
  - Longest suit
  - Lower available 4-card suit (not lower-ranking)
  - Higher ranking 5-card suit
- Need 6+ if you can bid at 1-level
- Need 10+ if you have to bid at 2-level
- Bid 1NT if you can't bid at the 1-level and are not strong enough to bid at the 2-level
- Stress here the fact that you should never jump when changing suit – this is enormously difficult because it is often interpreted that with 10+ you need to jump. A 1NT response becomes the bid of last resort

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Opener's rebid choices after a new suit response
- Examples on the board to elicit the four possible choices:
  - Support partner – shows 4-card support
  - Bid a new suit – shows 5/4 shape
  - Bid the same suit – shows 5+ and is usually the last recommended option
  - Bid NTs – shows a balanced hand

NT rebids are covered in detail next week when the concept of balanced hands is discussed

Play the remaining hands or as many as possible

Keep your talking to a minimum