Raising partner with game-going hands – revisited

This is such an important topic that we need to reinforce basic concepts. I see far too many slams missed because of using old archaic methods. This is the 21st century thus we must use the latest, more precise technology!

Raising when we have 3-card support for partner's major

1. Bid 3NT – this shows a ***flat balanced hand*** and 3 card support. Partner can signoff, cue or RKCB. Point count = 12-15. Axx, Axx, AJxx, xxx ;
2. Use the ***delayed game raise*** by first bidding where you have a ***source of tricks*** then bid game. This shows a maximum of 15 points also. Partner opens 1♥ - we will 2♦ then 4♥ with xx, KQx, AQJxx, xxx;
3. With > 15 points, make a ***forcing bid first***, then decide further depending what partner's rebid was.

Raising when we have 4-card support and game values (NEVER GO 1♥ - 4♥ - this is preemptive, weak)

1. ***Splinter raise*** if you have a singleton somewhere and **10 – 14 points**. Telling partner this useful information will assist him greatly e.g. Kxx, KJxx, AJxxx, x bid 4♣ in response to partner's opening of 1♥*;*
2. ***With all other hands*** where you have 4+ cards in partner's major and 12+ points, go 2NT (Jacoby). There is no maximum point count – we have taken over the captaincy – and we will decide on the contract.

After using Jac2NT to 1♥ remember this: whoever bids 4♥ at the first opportunity is showing a minimum.

1♥ - 2NT	OR	1♥ - 2NT
4♥		3♦ - 4♥

Jac2NT Opener's rebid (recap of lesson 1). Opener rebids as follows

1. **With a shortage he bids it Axx, KQxxx, Axxx, x (3♣)**
2. **With a GOOD 2nd suit (5+) he jumps in it x, AJxxx, AKQxx, xx (4♦)**
3. **4♥ = Minimum, no shortage xx, AKJxx, QJx, Kxx**
4. **3NT = 16+ bad trumps AKx, Q9xxx, Axx, Ax**
5. **3♥ = Max hand, all good! AKx, KQxxx, Axx, Qx**

After 1♥ - 2NT, what does opener rebid with –

1 ♠ AJ94 ♥ AKQ32 ♦ K42 ♣ 6 Dlr: N Vul: E-W	2 ♠ K9 ♥ Q9732 ♦ Q1054 ♣ AQ Dlr: N Vul: E-W	3 ♠ A4 ♥ AQ1064 ♦ KJ42 ♣ 96 Dlr: N Vul:	4 ♠ 43 ♥ AQ842 ♦ A109 ♣ KJ7 Dlr: N Vul:
5 ♠ J4 ♥ QJ954 ♦ A86 ♣ AJ5 Dlr: N Vul: Both	6 ♠ Q105 ♥ KJ754 ♦ Q95 ♣ KJ Dlr: N Vul:	7 ♠ 8 ♥ KQ1098 ♦ AKQ82 ♣ 95 Dlr: N Vul:	8 ♠ A106 ♥ QJ1062 ♦ AJ74 ♣ 2 Dlr: N Vul: E-W

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