

## Lesson 3 Opening 1 in a minor

- I. Opening one of a minor is what you do when you have nothing else to bid
  - You can't open one of a major because you don't have a five card or longer major
  - You can't open 1 no trump because your hand is not balanced or because you don't have the required point count.
  - You have 12+ points so you have to open something.
- II. Which minor to open
  - Open the longer minor if they are not the same length
  - With 3-3 in the minors open 1 club
  - With 4-4 in the minors open 1 diamond
  - Only open 1 diamond with less than 4 diamonds when you have 4 hearts, 4 spades, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs.
- III. How do you know if partner's minor is a real suit
  - Assume that partner could have as few as 3 cards when he opens in a minor
  - If partner rebids his minor he should have 6 cards in the suit.
  - If partner opens 1 diamond and rebids 2 clubs he had at least 4 diamonds and four clubs.
- IV. Responding "up" the line
  - When partner opens 1 of a minor, if you have 2 or more new suits bid the lowest ranking first
  - This is called bidding your suits "up the line"
- V. Any new suit by responder is forcing
  - Rebidding your first suit or no trump is NOT forcing
  - Partner will violate these rules at some point so be nice.