

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 generic 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 ♣	NB : 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.
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Raises over 1♠ are perfectly similar to raises over 1♥.