

## Two Key Bidding Concepts

1) Captain of the Auction: person in control of setting the final contract (the partner that knows more about both hands based on bidding)

### Who is the Captain of the Auction?

When one partner has clearly limited the number of high card points in their hand, the other partner is the Captain of the Auction. Example: Open 1NT (15-17); 1H-P-2H (6-8/9)

### Does the Captain of the Auction change?

Yes, in many bidding sequences, the Captain of the Auction alternates from one partner to the other. Example: 1NT – P – 2NT

### If Partner is CotA and he/she stops short of game, can I keep bidding?

Yes, but you will need a good reason – your hand got better as partner kept bidding, you fibbed a bit to your partner, or you don't want to play with this partner again. More than likely you were going to bid game anyway but wanted to see if partner had even more....

### Examples of Captain of the Auction

<u>Bidding Sequence</u>	<u>Who is the CotA?</u>
N – E – S – W	
1N – P – 2C – P	__N __E __S __W
2S – P – 2N – P	__N __E __S __W
P – P – P	__N __E __S __W
1H – P – 1S – P	__N __E __S __W
2H – P – 3H – P	__N __E __S __W
4H – P – P – P	__N __E __S __W
1C – P – 1H – P	__N __E __S __W
1S – P – 2D – P	__N __E __S __W
2H – P – 3C – P	__N __E __S __W
3N – P – 4C – P	__N __E __S __W
4H – P – 5C – P	__N __E __S __W
5S – P – 6N – P	__N __E __S __W
P – P	__N __E __S __W
1N – P – 4N – P	__N __E __S __W
6N – P – P – P	__N __E __S __W
1S – P – 2S – P	__N __E __S __W
3D – P – 3S – P	__N __E __S __W
4S – P – P – P	__N __E __S __W

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- 2) Bid in Context – base your bids on your hand and what partner has **promised**
- a) What is your hand worth?
  - b) What are the minimum number of points that partner has promised?
  - c) What are the maximum number of points that partner has promised?
    - i. You may not be able to determine this number
  - d) Add your HCP to each of the two numbers and that's about where the final contract belongs – now bid wisely!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

<u>Bidding Sequence</u>	<u>Your Hand</u>
1C – P – 1H – P 2H – P – ???	S – Axxxx H – KQxx D – Kx C – xx
1D – P – 1S – P ???	S – AQxx H – Kx D – AJxx C – xxx
1D – P – 1S – P ???	S – AQxx H – AK D – AJxx C – Qxx
1D – P – 1S – P 4S – P – ???	S – Axxxx H – KQxx D – Kx C – xx
1H – P – 2H – P 3H – P – ???	S – Jxxx H – Qxx D – Kxxxx C – xx
1H – P – 2H – P 3H – P – ???	S – Jxxx H – KQx D – Qxxx C – xx
1D – P – P – 1S P – P – 2D – P P – 2S – P – P ???	S – KJxx H – KQxx D – Axx C – xx