

## Third/Fourth Seat Openers

- 1) Bidding goes P-P-??? or P-P-P-??? and Partner opens in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Seat
- 2) Partner shows:
  - a. Usually at least a good 10 or 11 HCP, may actually have a full opener or better
  - b. Probably some distribution
  - c. Usually control of Spades
  - d. Uses the Rule of 15, 20, 21, 22 or some other rationale for opening
- 3) So how do you know the quality/HCP of your opener's hand?
  - a. What if you have 10 or 11HCP but couldn't open?
  - b. What if partner has 13 or 14HCP? Or only 10 or 11HCP?
- 4) Playing some form of Drury helps decide the correct contract – Here's one particular version:

Over partner's 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seat opener:

- a. bid 2C with Limit Raise (LR) and 3 piece support
- b. bid 2D with LR and 4 piece support
- c. if opener opened light, they will rebid their opening suit
- d. if opener had a full opener, they will rebid any other suit
- e. responder's other bids are natural/usual (based on your card)

**Bidding goes P – P – and Partner opens 1 Spade and you hold:**

S – Qxx

H – AJxx

D – xxx

C – xxx

S – xx

H – AQJxx

D – Kxxx

C – xx

S – xx

H – AQxx

D – xxxx

C – QJx

S – Qxx

H – Axx

D – Kxxxx

C – Qx

S – xxx

H – xxx

D – Qxxxx

C – xx