Check Back Stayman

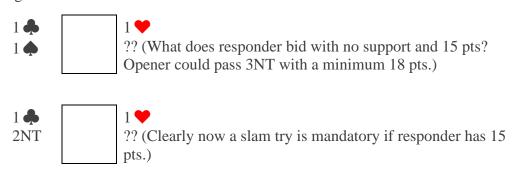## Introduction

The purpose of check back stayman is to show a 5 card major or the other major after the following sequence

1♣/♦ – 1♥/♠ – 2NT (18-19 pts).

It also helps with slam bidding as it enables the opener to limit their hand quickly knowing they do not have to bid the S's after responders 1H bid

Eg

1♣		1♥
1♠		?? (What does responder bid with no support and 15 pts? Opener could pass 3NT with a minimum 18 pts.)

1♣		1♥
2NT		?? (Clearly now a slam try is mandatory if responder has 15 pts.)

So how does it work.
2D is check back stayman and asks opener to describe the situation in the majors.
Unfortunately, the answers are different depending whether responder has bid H's or S's.

Responder has bid 1H

1♣		1♥
2NT		3♦ (Check back Stayman)
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Opener bids

- 3H's if he has exactly 3 Hearts (responder could have 5 Hearts)
- 3S if he has 4 Spades
- 3NT if he has neither

Responder has bid 1S

1♣		1♠
2NT		3♦ (Check back Stayman)
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Opener bids

- 3H's if he has 4 Hearts (responder will bid 3S if he had 5 Spades.)
- 3S if he has 3 Spades denying 4 Hs
- 3NT if he has neither.

Responder Rebids their Suit

1♣		1♠ / ♥	
2NT		3♠ / ♥	Invitational (6 pts TP)
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Because it is possible to show a 5 card major with checkback Stayman this bid shows 6 cards in the major and invitational points because you know there is a fit, distribution points can be counted