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This Week in Bridge

4th Seat Opening Bids

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Options in the 4th Seat

After three Passes we have the option of passing the handout and taking 0 points of the board.

- Reason for opening the bidding
 - Try to get a plus score.
- The Power of the Spade Suit
 - The side with the longest higher-ranking suit is likely to win the contact.
 - Rule of 15
 - Spades + HCP \geq 15.
 - The longer your Spade Suit the more likely you are to win the contract
- 1-Level Openings
 - Normal with Game Interest
 - 4-card Majors with no Game Interest
 - Preempt the opponent's
 - Power of a 1S Opening
 - Pass partner's 1NT response
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 - Best Minor Suit
- 2-Level Opening
 - Minimum Opening Hands
 - 10-14 HCP, usually a 6-card suit, little game interest
 - Want to open the bidding, but want to try and make it more difficult for the opponents to enter the auction.
- 1NT Opening
 - Good 14 to 17 points
 - We sometimes stretch to bid 1NT in 4th Seat
 - We know that partner has some points.
 - 5-card Majors common