Bidding in 3rd and 4th Seats - Pearson Points and Drury
with Tom Snow

Time for a Joke

A woman stayed overnight in a fancy hotel to celebrate her 70th birthday. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for $250.00.
"It's a nice hotel," she said, "but not worth $250.00. I didn't even have breakfast!"

The clerk replied, "Breakfast was included if you'd wanted it. This hotel also has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center for your use."

"But I didn't use them," she replied.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," said the clerk. "You also could have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which we are so famous."

She replied, "But I didn't go to any of those shows."

"Well," said the clerk, "we have them, and you could have."

After much discussion, she decided to pay, and wrote a check for him.

The clerk was surprised when he saw that the check was for only $50.00.

"That's correct," she explained. "I charged you $200.00 for sleeping with me."

"But I didn't sleep with you madam!" said the manager.

"Well, too bad," she replied. "I was here, and you could have."

Pearson Points
(aka the **Rule of 15**)

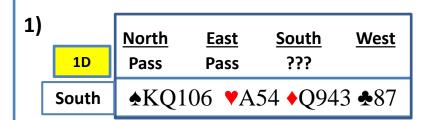DON'T PRACTICE UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT. PRACTICE UNTIL YOU CAN'T GET IT WRONG.
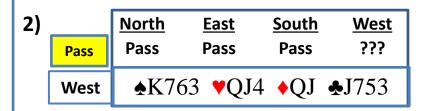
Pearson Points =

HCPs + number of spades

● **The tool was originally created by Don Pearson to determine if a player should open the bidding in 4th seat or not (after 3 passes).**

● **It turns out to be just as effective in 3rd seat also.**

● **Add your HCPs to your number of spades. If the total comes to 15+, open, otherwise pass.**

● **If you have 15 Pearson Points in 3rd or 4th seat made up of 9 HCPs and 6 spades, for example, you should still open the bidding, but with 2S, not 1S.**
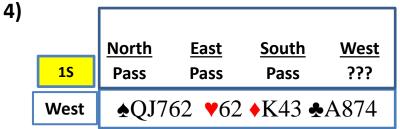
Pearson Pts. Practice

"I like to practice before I start acupuncture treatment!"

1)

	North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	Pass	???	
South	♠KQ106 ♥A54 ♦Q943 ♣87			

2)

	North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	???
West	♠K763 ♥QJ4 ♦QJ ♣J753			

3)

	North	East	South	West
2S	Pass	Pass	???	
South	♠KQ7632 ♥K5 ♦J93 ♣85			

4)

	North	East	South	West
1S	Pass	Pass	Pass	???
West	♠QJ762 ♥62 ♦K43 ♣A874			

5)

	North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	???	
South	♠4 ♥AKJ852 ♦QJ3 ♣J52			

6)

	North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	???
West	♠K973 ♥J964 ♦K3 ♣K73			

Time for Another Joke

"I sometimes wonder if you hear one word I say!"

Drury: a Passed Hand Asking For Strength

EVERY ELECTION DAY I ASK MYSELF THE SAME QUESTION – "HEADS OR TAILS."
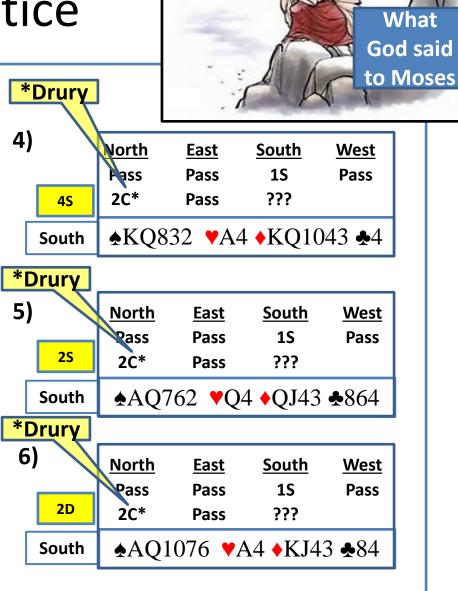
- **Used by a passed hand after partner has opened 1 of a major in 3rd or 4th seat (with no interference). It shows 10⁺ HCP and 3⁺ card support.**

- **The passed hand bids 2C, and partner says "Alert." It does NOT show clubs; it shows an invitational hand with support for the bid major.**

- **If the opening bidder doesn't have extra values, he rebids his major suit at the 2 level to get out (staying safely at the 2 level).**

- **If the opening bidder has only a little better than opening values, he can invite partner to game with a new suit (or 2NT).**

- **With 15⁺ playing points, opener would usually just jump to 4 of his major.**

Passed Hand Practice

a)

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1C	Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
???			

1NT

North ♠K10 ♥AQ42 ♦9432 ♣J84

Tread carefully. Partner opened in 3rd seat and couldn't open 1NT.

1)

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
???			

2D

North ♠Q6 ♥A74 ♦KQ943 ♣864

1NT ♠Q6 ♥A84 ♦Q9643 ♣864

2)

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
???			

2C* *Drury

North ♠Q76 ♥A4 ♦KQ943 ♣864

3)

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
???			

2S

North ♠Q76 ♥43 ♦KQ943 ♣J64

4)

*Drury

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
2C*	Pass	???	

4S

South ♠KQ832 ♥A4 ♦KQ1043 ♣4

5)

*Drury

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
2C*	Pass	???	

2S

South ♠AQ762 ♥Q4 ♦QJ43 ♣864

6)

*Drury

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
2C*	Pass	???	

2D

South ♠AQ1076 ♥A4 ♦KJ43 ♣84

Why is Drury So Important?

MATERNITY
WHICH ONE IS YOURS?

Question:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
???			

What does North respond if he passed this hand?:

North	♠3 ♥KJ42 ♦AQJ1043 ♣85

a) If he bids 4H, it's pre-emptive (3-7 HCPs with 5 hearts), and he could miss slam.
b) If he jumps to 3H, it's invitational, and they could easily miss a cold game.
c) If he bids 2D, it's not forcing (since he's a passed hand), so they may miss playing in a heart contract and their game.

Answer: He bids 2C* (Drury), which shows support for partner's major and 10[+] HCPs. If partner rebids 2H to play, he bids 4H. If partner bids something else, he bids diamonds to show interest in slam.

Pearson Pts. and Drury

How small dogs view themselves when the doorbell rings 💪
@louiefor

South has 19 Pearson Points (spades + HCPs) and opens the bidding.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S*	Pass
2C*	Pass	2D*	Pass
3D*	Pass	4S	Pass

North bids 2C (Drury) to show spade support and 10-12 playing points.

South re-invites to game. North invites back, and South accepts his offer.

North
- ♠ J82
- ♥ 4
- ♦ KJ863
- ♣ A752

West
- ♠ K74
- ♥ Q862
- ♦ 75
- ♣ QJ104

East
- ♠ 65
- ♥ AJ975
- ♦ A104
- ♣ 986

South
- ♠ AQ1093
- ♥ K103
- ♦ Q92
- ♣ K3

Lead = Q♣

The Q♣ looks like the most attractive lead, but leading the 7♦ will beat the contract.

East should take the A♦ and return his 10♦ to show an entry in the higher suit (♥).

With the 7♦ lead, West will get in with his K♠, cross to East's A♥ to get a ♦ ruff.

Tricks lost = 1♦, 2♠'s, and a ♥ (-1).

But in reality, South will make 4S.

PLAYTIME