

New Minor Forcing



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Time for a Joke

A guy's been shipwrecked on an island for a long time. One day he sees a gorgeous blonde coming out of the water in a skin-tight wet suit.

She approaches and says, "I bet you haven't had a smoke for a while."

"No, I ran out years ago," he replies, with a curious look.

She unzips a pocket on her wetsuit and produces a cigar and a lighter.

"Enjoy this." He lights up, takes a few puffs and is transported ...

She draws closer. "It's been a while since you've had a drink, then?"

He nods. She reaches into another pocket and produces a flask of whisky. "Help yourself." He takes the flask and guzzles it down.

By now she's right on top of him and whispers in his ear, "And I'm sure you haven't played around either ..."

"Oh, my goodness," he replies. "Don't tell me you've got a set of golf clubs in there too."

FYI, 1 of a minor, 1 of a major, 1NT is the most common bidding sequence in bridge.

Using New Minor Forcing (NMF)

Used by a **Responder** with a 5⁺-card major and 10⁺ HCPs to check back for support with his partner, who he has rebid 1NT:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C*	

North would alert the opponents – the club bid is artificial, asking about the majors.

South: ♠AJ872 ♥3 ♦K3 ♣KJ764

2C* in this case

- Responder bids 2 of the new minor – forcing for 1 round.

But he must have 10⁺ adjusted HCPs.

How does partner know you don't mean real clubs?

Opener's 1st obligation is to raise your major with 3 of them.

NMF is used by a passed hand but not in competition.



Because there are only 3 suits in bridge: hearts, spades and NT! With clubs, you would just pass 1NT, bid 3C* (weak) or raise NT.

His 2nd obligation is to bid the other major with 4 of them.

Responding to Partner's New Minor Forcing



#1

North

♠K76 ♥A843 ♦K5 ♣A532

Jump to show a little extra values.

3S

North

East

South

West

1C

Pass

1S

Pass

1NT

Pass

2D*

Pass

???

#2

North

♠K92 ♥QJ1062 ♦A85 ♣K2

This is a special case of NMF.

2S

North

East

South

West

1H

Pass

1S

Pass

1NT

Pass

2C*

Pass

???

#3

North

♠K4 ♥QJ65 ♦AK52 ♣984

2H

North

East

South

West

1D

Pass

1S

Pass

1NT

Pass

2C*

Pass

???

Responding After Your Own New Minor Forcing



#4 South ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984

4S

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

#5 South ♠A10543 ♥43 ♦QJ4 ♣A84

You're in a 5-3 fit, so you might not be ruffing in the dummy.

3S

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

#6 South ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984

3NT

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2D*	Pass
2H	Pass	???	

One More Joke

**I HAD A BLAST AT THE STORE TODAY.
I ASKED THE YOUNG CHECKOUT GIRL
IF THESE WERE FRONT OR BACK LEGS**



**SHE DIDN'T KNOW AND SAID I'LL GO ASK.
WHEN SHE GOT BACK SHE SAID,
"NOT" FUNNY.**

Some Special Situations



#7 South ♠A10543 ♥AK ♦QJ4 ♣984

This is also New Minor Forcing. 2D*

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

#8 South ♠KQ43 ♥43 ♦4 ♣J109743

This is part of the NMF convention – let me out in my long minor! 3C*

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

#9 South ♠43 ♥AKJ52 ♦42 ♣Q984

3C* and 3D* are both NMF, but 3C* = clubs may be a suit we can play in at a higher level and 3D* = we're playing in my major or NT. 3C*

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2NT	Pass	???	

Is That a Trick Question?



Partner will have a minimum hand like this. If the **♦** finesse loses, he'll even go down in 3H.

South ♠Q9743 ♥QJ43 ♦J3 ♣Q3

#1 North ♠J2 ♥AK97 ♦AQ972 ♣109

One of the best benefits of NMF is not having to bid 3H with a hand like this.

Pass

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2H	Pass
???			

#2 North ♠J82 ♥QJ2 ♦K2 ♣AQ984

Pass

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
1NT	Pass	3D	Pass
???			

South ♠5 ♥K863 ♦QJ109653 ♣3

Partner will have a minimum hand with only 4 **♥**'s and long ♦'s. 1NT goes down (and 3H, unless the opponent's **♥**'s are 3-3).

Playtime

