## Bergen/Reverse Bergen Raises

A strategic system of responses to partner's major suit opening bid showing 4-card trump support (one exception with 3-card support listed below), providing both a constructive and preemptive basis. Bergen and Reverse Bergen differ only in the 3.4/3.4 bids.

Responses to Opener's major suit opening:

Bid	Typical Meaning
1♥>2♥/ 1♠>2♠	Showing 3-Card trump support and 6-9 HCP (simple raise).
3 <b>♦</b> [Alert]	Bergen: Showing 4-Card trump support and 10-11 HCP (or a bad 12 HCP).  Reverse Bergen: Showing 4-Card trump support and 7-9 HCP.
3 <b>♣</b> [Alert]	Bergen: Showing 4-Card trump support and 7-9 HCP.  Reverse Bergen: Showing 4-Card trump support and 10-11 HCP (or a bad 12 HCP).
3♥/♠ [Alert]	A jump raise in Opener's suit shows 4-Card trump support and 2-6 HCP, preemptive.
3NT [Alert]	Showing 3-Card trump support, a very balanced (specifically 3-3-3-4) hand and 12-15 HCP.
2NT [Alert]	Use <b>Jacoby 2NT</b> to show 12+ HCP and 4-Card trump support.

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