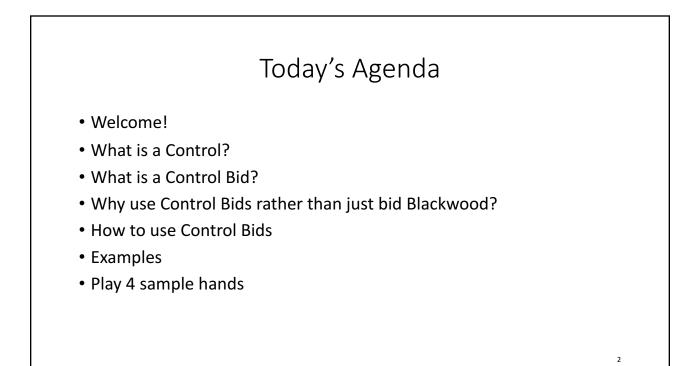
CONTROL BIDS

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What is a Control?

- If you have a 1st round control...
- The opponents cannot lead that suit and take an immediate trick
- Because you have the A or a void
- Must have 1st round control in at least 3 suits to make a small slam
- p.s. terminology cue bid vs control bid

What is a Control?

- 1. American style 1st round control only A or void
- 2. Italian style 1^{st} or 2^{nd} round controls A or void + K or singleton
- 3. Hybrid style special partnership agreements
- There is not unanimous agreement on which style to use
- But Debbie Rosenberg, Larry Cohen and Marty Bergen recommend Italian style
- So, let's play Italian style and bid 1st and 2nd round controls
 - 1st round control = A or void
 - 2nd round control = K or singleton

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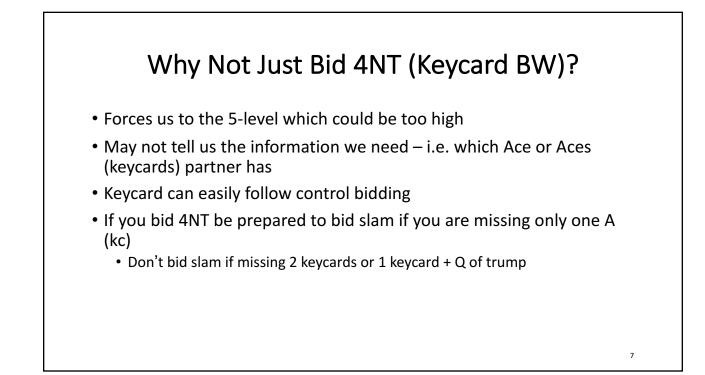
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What is a Control Bid?

- A bid that does not show a suit
- A slam try which promises a 1st or 2nd round control in the bid suit
- Control bids are always non-jump bids in a side suit
- It's a control bid when:
 - 1. Trump suit has been agreed
 - 2. If major agreed, a new suit above 3 of our major is a control bidBelow 3 of agreed major a new suit is a game try
 - 3. If minor agreed, a new suit above 3NT is a control bid
 - Below 3NT, a new suit shows a stopper and is a try for 3NT

Why Use Control Bids?

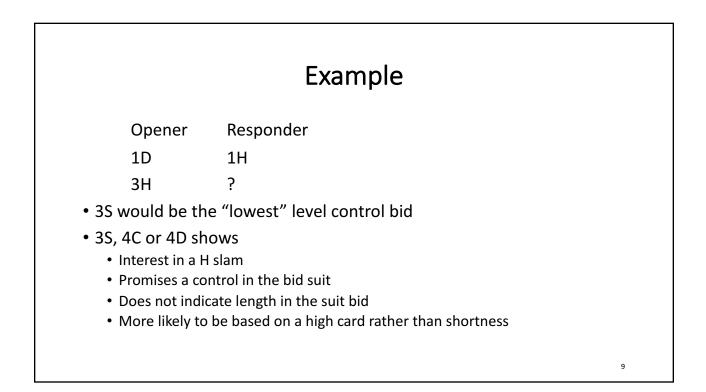
- Want to find out if partner has a stopper in a specific suit
 Avoid opponents taking 2 immediate tricks
- 2. Merely want to express interest in slam
 - Not yet certain we have enough strength to make slam
 - Want to hear what partner thinks about possibility of slam
- 3. Want to be careful not to get too high
- Note: either partner can still bid Blackwood





- Partners bid controls up the line starting with the "lowest" level
- Skipping over a suit denies a control in the skipped suit(s)
- Do not control bid the A or K of trump
- If minor suit agreed, control bids are only above 3NT
 - Below 3NT bids are still exploring possibility of game in NT

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	North	A853 QJ5	South Deals, No Vul	
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		AKQ		
5			J2	
Q642			983	
KQ64			AT972	
9852			T64	
		K983		
		AJT5		
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