Lying: White Lies

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Lie About Length Not Strength and Certainly not about a stopper.

1.

Open 1♦ and rebid 2♣ even if partner replies 1♠

2. ♠KQ432 ♥AK5432 ♦2 ♣2

Open 1♠ and rebid 2♥

3. ♠K ♥AQ32 ♦KJ32 ♣AK42

Open 2NT. This is the only time one should open any No Trump with a singleton.

4. ♠A ♥AQ32 ♦KJ32 ♣AQ42

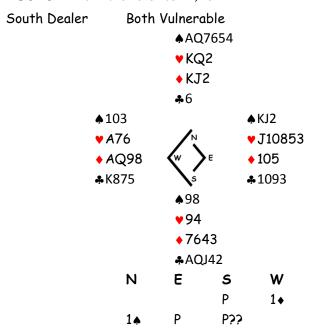
Open 1♦-too strong for 2NT.

5. ♠KJ3 ♥KQJ ♦KJ4 ♣KJ42

If there was ever a candidate for an 18-point hand to be opened 1NT, this is it, but one should never lie about strength. Open this 14 expecting to jump rebid 2NT. This hand is an aceless 4triple3 flat hand with no intermediates and wasted honours of KQJ frozen in a suit that cannot develop length tricks. I would especially open 14 and rather be passed there instead of being passed in 1NT because it won't play well opposite no or few entries in 1NT.

Being passed out in 1. when partner is bust is usually the best place to be, even though people do fear being passed in 1. (Mexican is the worst bid around, Please do not tell Hubert this)

6. Board 7 from KJBC November 17, 2014



Analysis:

Here are your possible bids and mark out of 10.

P 3/10 1NT 2/10 2 8/10 2 4/10 2 0/10

Hiding Points is not good. It is better to lie about length and not strength.

South has a beautiful unbid suit and two of North's suit. Not three so it is not ideal and not Hx but oh well you have to determine that it is a better bid than the alternatives. Some may bid 1NT if you had 10xx in diamonds (only a minor) because the opponent may only have three of them but Jxx and 10xx and Qxx are not stoppers!