

JACOBY 2NT

Over Partner's 1 Major opener

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You are South with the following hands

Hand 1

♠ A2
♥ AK75
♦ KQ53
♣ Q987

Partner
opens 1♥

Hand 2

♠ KJ92
♥ A65
♦ Q1097
♣ 32

Partner
opens 1♠

Hand 3

♠ KQJ87
♥ 65
♦ 2
♣ 109843

Partner
opens 1♠

Hand 4

♠ A3
♥ Q1087
♦ 432
♣ 5432

Partner
opens 1♥

Hand 5

♠ KQ32
♥ AQ32
♦ K2
♣ 1054

Partner
opens 1♥/♠

Hand 6

♠ AK32
♥ AKQ87
♦ K108
♣ 3

Partner
opens 1♠

So what do you bid with these hands?

2NT Jacoby
showing a
Game Forcing
Raise in
Hearts with a
balanced
hand

3♠ 10-12
with 4 card
support

4♠ Pre-emptive

A quiet 2♥

2NT Jacoby
showing a
Game Forcing
Raise in
Hearts/Spades
with a
balanced hand

4♣ - Splinter
or 3♥ Jump
shift

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In this seminar I am going to concentrate on the 2NT bid and the continuations.

So when should I use a Jacoby 2NT bid?

- 1) I have the values for game and 4 card support for partners major (if playing five card majors some people will do it with 3 card support – I would not recommend that though –I would still have 4 card support opposite a five card major – nine trumps gives you much more control).
- 2) A balanced distribution; with a shortage I would prefer a splinter bid.
- 3) Not a quality 5+ card side suit, either make a delayed game raise with that or even a jump shift if appropriate.

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So what are the continuations

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2NT(Jacoby) | Pass |
| ? | | | |

So what do I do with the following hands?

Hand 1

♠ AKQ32
♥ K109
♦ 32
♣ 1098

Hand 2

♠ AK532
♥ J4
♦ A32
♣ KJ4

Hand 3

♠ AK32
♥ K54
♦ K109
♣ K65

Hand 4

♠ AK632
♥ 6
♦ AK98
♣ Q98

Hand 5

♠ AK632
♥ AQ8
♦ K987
♣ 6

Remember the following

3 Level bids show a quality 4 card side suit

4 level bids show a shortage and deny a quality 4 card side suit

3 Major is stronger than 4 Major

Hand 1 – 4♠ – Showing a minimum, no shortage and no decent 4 card side suit (principle of fast arrival).

Hand 2 – 3♠ - showing a better than minimum hand, no shortage and no decent 4 card side suit.

Hand 3 – 3NT – showing precisely a 4-3-3-3 hand 15-16 points.

Hand 4 – 3♦ - showing a better than minimum hand, a quality 4 card suit (two of the top three honours) at the three level, do this first as opposed to showing a shortage.

Hand 5 - 4♣ - showing a better than minimum hand, no decent four card side suit but a shortage.

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| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | ? | |

So what do I bid with these hands

Hand 1

♠ AKQ2
♥ 53
♦ AJ7
♣ Q432

Bid 3♠ remember you are in a Game Force situation so this is stronger than 4♠ and it looks like partner has KQxx♦'s so your hand fits well, give partner say ♠J10xxx, ♥Ax, ♦KQxx, ♣Kx and slam is a good prospect

Hand 2

♠ AK87
♥ AJ4
♦ 102
♣ Q432

Bid 3♥ cue bid to see whether partner can do anything more, notice however with partner having a quality diamond suit these hands do not fit as well as in Hand 1

Hand 3

♠ AQ32
♥ 102
♦ QJ2
♣ A432

Bid 3♠ or preferably 4♣ again it looks like the hands are fitting well together

Hand 4

♠ KQ32
♥ A4
♦ KJ10
♣ A432

Probably best to bid 4NT RKCB

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Here is an example auction

North

♠ J10943

♥ A2

♦ KQ42

♣ A10

Bidding

1♠

3♦ (2)

4♣ (4)

4♥ (6)

1) 2NT Jacoby

2) Quality 4 card suit 2 of top three honours

3) Waiting remember we are in a game force tell me more

4) Cue bid (1st Round Control)

5) Cue bid (1st Round Control)

6) Cue bid (1st Round Control)

7) I have heard enough partner is most likely 5-2-4-2 shape so my losing heart can go on the fourth diamond and I can ruff a heart for my 13th Trick (5♠'s, 4♦'s, 2♣'s, 1♥ and a ruff)

South

♠ AKQ2

♥ 53

♦ AJ7

♣ K432

2NT (1)

3♠ (3)

4♦ (5)

7♠ (7)

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In summary JACOBY 2NT allows you to:-

- Show Game Force support for partners suit.
- Allow you to exchange additional information at a low level below game, to determine whether you have the right cards for a slam.
- Bid quality 4 card side suits at the three level in response.
- Bid Shortages (when you do not have a quality 4 card side suit) at the four level.