

WHAT'S A 2 CLUB OPENING BID LOOK LIKE?

THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF HANDS THAT SHOULD BE OPENED WITH A STRONG ARTIFICIAL 2 CLUBS:

1. BALANCED HAND WITH 22+ H.C.P.,
2. UNBALANCED HANDS THAT HAVE ENOUGH PLAYING STRENGTH TO INVITE TO GAME OR INSIST ON GETTING TO GAME

MY OWN PERSONAL VIEWPOINT, OPEN 2 CLUBS IF YOU'D BE SICK IF PARTNER PASSED YOUR OPENING BID. HANDS WITH GREAT SHAPE DON'T NEED 22 H.C.P. TO QUALIFY FOR A FORCING 2 CLUB OPENING BID.

- A. AK7 AJ4 KQJ3 KQ8 BALANCED 23 H.C.P., OPEN 2 CLUBS, REBID 2 NT (STAYMAN AND TRANSFERS ON)
- B. AKQ1073 AKQ6 8 73 OPEN 2 CLUBS AND REBID 2 SPADES

WRITE ON YOUR CARD, 22+ H.C.P. or 8 ½ PLAYING TRICKS

AFTER YOUR PARTNER OPENS 2 CLUBS, IT'S STANDARD TO MAKE A WAITING 2 DIAMOND RESPONSE UNLESS YOU HAVE A GOOD HAND WITH A GOOD SUIT TO MENTION. GOOD= HAVING 5 CARDS OR LONGER IN LENGTH WITH AT LEAST 2 OF THE 3 TOP HONORS.

YEARS AGO, THE DIAMOND RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE, SHOWING A BAD HAND THIS EVOLVED INTO TODAY'S MORE USEFUL WAITING VERSION, WHICH KEEPS THE AUCTION LOW SO OPENER CAN SHOW HIS DISTRIBUTION AND POWER.

THE SECOND NEGATIVE MANY PARTNERSHIPS HAVE TO SHOW A VERY BAD HAND IS CHEAPER MINOR. IF OPENER REBIDS 2 HEARTS OR 2 SPADES, SHOWING AN UNBALANCED HAND, RESPONDER BIDS 3 CLUBS, (CHEAPER MINOR) TO SHOW A HAND WITH NO MORE THAN A Q OR J (DENIES A KING OR ACE). IF OPENER REBIDS 3 CLUBS, 3 DIAMONDS IS THE 2ND NEGATIVE. NO SECOND NEGATIVE AVAILABLE IF OPENER REBIDS 3 DIAMONDS.

YOU CAN PASS 2 NT, 3 OF A MAJOR, OR 4 OF A MINOR.

SOME PLAYERS PLAY 2 HEARTS OVER A 2 CLUB OPENING AS A SECOND NEGATIVE. SAYS NOTHING ABOUT HEARTS, DENIES AN ACE OR KING AND 2 QUEENS. IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE HEART RESPONSE, YOU BID 2 NT. FLAWS TO USING 2 HEARTS (BUST BID), IT CAN BE THE WRONG SIDE PLAYING HEARTS, OPPONENTS CAN DOUBLE FOR A HEART LEAD.

RESPONSE OVER 2 CLUBS, HOLDING:

1. KQ1087 A43 4 8765	BID 2 SPADES
2. 64 32 K76 AQJ1052	BID 3 CLUBS
3. J8732 A43 4 A765	BID 2 DIAMONDS
4. 64 32 J762 KJ1086	BID 2 DIAMONDS
5. KJ7 QJ6 Q876 932	BID 2 DIAMONDS
6. KQ5 AJ4 J3 Q7654	BID 2 DIAMONDS (SLAM LIKELY)
7. KQ K8765 3 A6543	BID 2 DIAMONDS, OVER 2 NT TRANSFER TO HEARTS, BID 5 NT PICK A SLAM, 6 HEARTS OR 6 NT
8. 653 432 J543 J65	BID 2 DIAMONDS (OR 2 HEARTS) IF PARTNER BIDS A SUIT, CHEAPER MINOR, (OR RAISE TO 3, CAN'T PASS

PROBABLY MORE THAN 90% OF THE TIME, YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE 2 DIAMONDS. THIS ALLOWS OPENER TO FURTHER DESCRIBE THEIR HAND.

**REMEMBER: 2 CLUBS – 2 DIAMONDS – 2 HEARTS – 3 HEARTS
3 HEARTS IS BETTER THAN 4 HEARTS, SHOWS AN ACE OR KING**

	K3	DEALER: 2 CLUBS
	AKQ2	2 NT (22-24)
	AK5	
	A642	
8654		Q972 PASS
J9	PASS	10843 PASS
Q10	PASS	J932
KJ1095		Q
	AJ10	
	765	2 DIAMONDS
	8764	3 NT

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LEAD ????? PLAY ?????

WHEN SHOULD 4 NT BE QUANTITATIVE?

**4 NT IS ALWAYS QUANTITATIVE DIRECTLY OVER ANY NT.
4 CLUBS IS ALWAYS GERBER DIRECTLY OVER NT.
4 NT IS QUANTITATIVE IF 4 NT BIDDER COULD HAVE SET TRUMP,
EXAMPLE: 1 NT – 4 DIAMONDS (TEXAS) – 4 HEARTS, - 4 NT RKC
1 NT – 2 DIAMONDS (TRANSFER) – 2 HEARTS – 4 NT – QUANTITATIVE**