

## SLAM BIDDING

WHY IS JACOBY 2 NT A GREAT CONVENTION? AFTER 1 BID BY EACH PLAYER, THE AUCTION IS STILL AT THE 2 LEVEL AND BOTH PLAYERS KNOW THAT:

- A. THEY HAVE A MAJOR-SUIT FIT WITH AT LEAST 9 TRUMPS
- B. THE AUCTION IS FORCING TO GAME
- C. OPENER WILL MAKE A DESCRIPTIVE BID AND BOTH PLAYERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTROL BIDS

A JACOBY 2 NT RESPONSE TO 1 OF A MAJOR PROMISES AT LEAST 13 DUMMY POINTS (HCP PLUS DISTRIBUTION), HAS NO UPPER LIMIT, PROMISES AT LEAST FOUR-CARD SUPPORT, COULD INCLUDE A LONG, STRONG SIDE SUIT, AND MIGHT INCLUDE A SINGLETON.

ACE ASKING BIDS ARE OVER-USED AND MISUSED FAR TOO OFTEN. WHEN TO AVOID ASKING FOR ACES:

- A. DON'T ASK WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE 2ND ROUND CONTROL OF A SUIT AND NO REASON TO BELIEVE PARTNER HAS THE SUIT COVERED
- B. DON'T ASK WHEN YOU HAVE A VOID UNLESS YOU HAVE ALL BUT ONE OF THE MISSING CONTROLS AND ARE CONSIDERING A GRAND SLAM
- C. DON'T ASK FOR KINGS IF YOU DON'T HAVE ALL THE KEY CARDS, (ACES – PLUS TRUMP K)
- D. DON'T USE GERBER OVER SUIT BIDS EXCEPT IN SPECIFICALLY DEFINED SITUATIONS

AKJ653	1 SPADE	Q1072	3 SPADES
AKQJ	???????	98	?????????
982		Q754	
VOID		AQ4	

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MOST SLAMS ARE NOT MORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE THAN PART SCORES OR GAMES. MOST SLAMS, HOWEVER, ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO BID ACCURATELY.

ARE SOME HANDS TOO STRONG TO MAKE A SPLINTER BID? YES, BECAUSE A SPLINTER BID USES UP SO MUCH BIDDING SPACE. I SUGGEST YOUR STRENGTH BE WELL-DEFINED.

AFTER PARTNER OPENS 1 OF A MAJOR, A SPLINTER RAISE PROMISES 13-16 DUMMY POINTS. IF YOU SPLINTER WITH A VERY STRONG HAND AND OPENER SIGNS OFF, YOU MAY BE TEMPTED TO BID AGAIN. THIS RESULTS IN TOO MANY DANGEROUS FIVE-LEVEL CONTRACTS. I PREFER to BID JACOBY 2 NT and KEEP THE AUCTION AT A LOWER LEVEL.

		AKQJ106		DEALER: 2 CLUBS	
		A7			2 SPADES
		AKJ8			
		4			
872				5	
982	PASS			KJ43	PASS
Q3				10762	PASS
KJ652				A983	
		943			
		Q1065		2 DIAMONDS	
		954		????????????	
		Q107			

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		AKQJ104		DEALER: 2 CLUBS	
		A2			2 SPADES
		AKJ8			
		5			
652				7	
K87	PASS			J1096	PASS
92				10764	PASS
KJ1042				Q983	
		983			
		Q543		2 DIAMONDS	
		Q53		????????????	
		A76			

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		AK1043	DEALER: 1 SPADE	
		A763	??????	
		9		
		KQ8		
95				6
J10954				KQ2
KQ32	PASS			J10764
104				9632
		QJ872		
		8	????????	
		A85		
		AJ75		

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		Q7	DEALER: 1 CLUB	
		AK5	2 NT	
		A54	?????	
		KQ1065		
1065				9842
8762	PASS			QJ4
J93	PASS			K1072
J74				92
		AKJ3		
		1093	1 SPADE	
		Q86	??????	
		A83		

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IS THERE AN EASY WAY TO IMPROVE SLAM BIDDING? KNOW HOW TO CORRECTLY RE-EVALUATE YOUR HAND AFTER PARTNER SUPPORTS YOUR SUIT. TRUMP AND SHAPE – THAT’S THE NAME OF THE GAME