

# Opening 2C



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# Time for a Joke

A man walks into a bar, and even before he reaches the stool, he yells to the bartender, “Quick, give me a shot of whiskey!”

“Everything OK?” asks the bartender, as he pours him a drink.

“Hell no,” says the patron. “I just found out my brother is gay and that he’s been secretly in love with my best friend for over 5 years!”

The bartender watches the man drink and nods sympathetically.

The next day, the man comes in again. “Give me a double this time. My nineteen-year-old son just came out as gay, and he stole his sister’s boyfriend from right under her nose! The household’s in chaos!”

The bartender shakes his head and pours him a stiffer drink.

A few days later, the same patron enters and tells the barman, “Just bring the whole bottle of whiskey and a glass.”

The barman asks, “Doesn't anyone in your family prefer women?”

The man looks at him and replies, “Yes, apparently my wife does!”

Remember, opening 2D, 2H or 2S are Weak Two Bids (pre-empts with a 6-card suit and 6-10 HCPs).

# When You Have a Whopper



Holding  $\frac{1}{2}$  trick short of game or better, open 2C.

With a flat hand, it will look like at least  $8\frac{1}{2}$  tricks.

With a major, it will look like at least  $9\frac{1}{2}$  tricks.

With a minor, it will look like at least  $10\frac{1}{2}$  tricks.

## Examples:

	Opening Bid	
♠AKQJ1073 ♥8 ♦AKJ ♣J6	2C	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ tricks in a major.
♠AJ ♥AJ ♦6 ♣AKQJ10863	1C	10 tricks in a minor.
♠AK2 ♥A97 ♦AKQ104 ♣K2	2C	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ tricks. Rebid 2NT.
♠A3 ♥AKJ1098 ♦AQJ10 ♣2	1H	9 tricks in a major.
♠A6 ♥K5 ♦A3 ♣AKQJ754	2C	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ tricks in a minor but look at the possibilities in NT.



# Responding To 2C Openers

**BAD = no ace or king, and not 2 queens.**

- 1) Partner, who is usually looking at a bad hand, must bid.
- 2) Partner responds 2D\* (called **2D Waiting**), unless he has a good 5+-card suit with 8+ HCPs.

3) If partner uses **2D Waiting**, then rebids the cheapest suit at the 3-level, he has a **BAD** hand and wants to get out short of game. This is called the **2<sup>nd</sup> Negative**.

The 2C opener must bail out unless he has game in his own hand.

## Examples:

	Response After 2C	Partner Bids:	Your 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid	Your reasoning:
♠AQ873 ♥87 ♦KJ104 ♣J6	<b>2S</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>4D</b>	Definitely going to slam, maybe grand.
♠98652 ♥96 ♦654 ♣764	<b>2D*</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>*3C</b>	If partner rebids 3H, I'm passing.
♠A652 ♥A962 ♦654 ♣72	<b>2D*</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>Fast Arrival</b> applies. We may have slam.
♠73 ♥873 ♦AQJ104 ♣J62	<b>2D*</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>Fast Arrival</b> applies. We may have slam.
♠J986542 ♥96 ♦6 ♣754	<b>2D*</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>2S</b>	Shows a <b>BAD</b> hand. A good hand=2C-2S*

**FAST ARRIVAL** is used when you are declaring the final STRAIN, or when the final STRAIN is already known.

# The Concept of Fast Arrival



In a GF auction, no jump shows extra values.

A jump shows no extra values.

1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
3H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠84 ♥AQJ ♦AQ8753 ♣A3			

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠84 ♥AQ2 ♦KQJ1032 ♣73			

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	???			
North	♠A7542 ♥KQ3 ♦83 ♣K42			

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2D*	Pass
2S	2H	Pass	???	
South	♠AK4 ♥J75 ♦AQJ1062 ♣J			

**FAST ARRIVAL** means in a game forcing auction, the higher you bid, the less you have.

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	
South	♠4 ♥AQJ10842 ♦Q5 ♣K64			

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2S	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	3S	Pass	???	
South	♠64 ♥KQ3 ♦KQJ832 ♣KJ3			

3H = I have extra values. Followed by 4H = but I only have a little extra values.

3S = a control showing bid (A♠ or K♠) and some interest in slam.

# Another Joke

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them.

Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..

Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?

Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..

Driver: Then why do you buy them?

Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."

# Rebids by a 2C Opener



## Examples:

Rebids After 2C - P – 2D - P

♠AQJ108 ♥AKJ1076 ♦A ♣J

3H

Then rebid 3S.

♠AQJ8 ♥A ♦AKJ976 ♣KJ

3D

♠AKQ98652 ♥A96 ♦6 ♣7

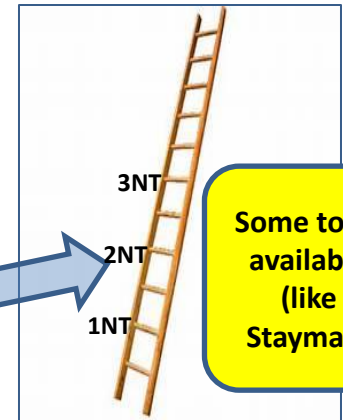
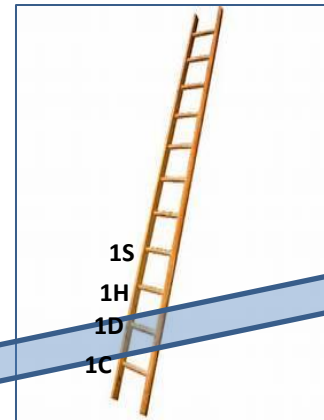
2S

♠AKQ ♥AQ96 ♦KJ76 ♣A7

2NT

♠AK65 ♥AKQ96 ♦K6 ♣K7

2H



Some tools available (like Stayman)

Bidding Ladder For Unbalanced Hands

No Trump Ladder For Balanced Hands



# Responding To 2C Openers

**BAD = no ace or king, and not 2 queens.**

Some pairs play that a 2H\* response to a 2C opener shows a BAD hand up front. The only time I played this, I opened 2C in the North seat with:

♠A ♥AKJ87 ♦AKJ5 ♣AKQ

My partner responded 2H\* to show a BAD hand with:

♠542 ♥6 ♦Q10832 ♣7542

And our auction went:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2C	Pass	2H*	Pass
3H	Pass	Pass	Pass

I went down with a ♠ lead.

A **2D Waiting** auction would be:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2C	Pass	2D*	Pass
2H	Pass	3C*	Pass
3D	Pass	4D	Pass
6D	Pass	Pass	Pass

It makes 7D!

**\*2nd Negative.**





**Time for the Game**